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Rivals scorn new alliance

# Dorrell quits Tory race to back Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE'S campaign for the Conservative leadership gained momentum yesterday when Stephen Dorrell pulled out of the race and threw his backing behind the former Chancellor. Mr Dorrell described Mr

Clarke as "the higgest hitter of this political generation" and the "outstanding figure at the centre of contemporary British politics", and said that they were joining forces to win the battle of ideas against Labour. Mr Clarke pursued a similar theme in a speech last night urging the Tories to

review their health, education and welfare reforms to renew their appeal to the "lost voters of middle England". Although the arrival of Mr

Dorrell was a psychological boost to the Clarke effort, it did not automatically mean a sudden increase in the number of votes pledged to him. Mr Dorrell was trailing the other five candidates in the race, attracting only a handful of public backers and few other private supporters.

The camps of the other candidates professed to be untroubled by Mr Dorrell's switch, which they considered inevitable. They claimed that Mr Clarke was merely picking up a week early votes he would in any case have secured after the first ballot.

William Hague paraded 22 of his declared supporters at a Westminster photo-call, including three prize new addi-David Heathcoat-Amory, the former Treasury Minister, Sir Nicholas Lyell,

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'i suppose they're trying to slow down Kenneth Clarke's bandwagon"

the former Attorney-General, and the prominent Eurosceptic Sir Peter Tapsell.

His camp voiced growing confidence that he would be in second place, ahead of Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and John Redwood when the result of the first ballot is declared at 5.30pm next Tuesday. Mr Howard's leam, hower

er, believes that Mr Clarke's strengthening position will help the former Home Secretary in the separate battle for supremacy on the Right. "The longer this goes on, the more the party will realise that Michael is the only candidate on the Right who has the ability and toughness to take on Tony Blair." one said. Mr Lilley's team appeared equally relaxed, however, and expressed confidence that he, not Mr Howard, would be the

candidate of the Right in the final run-off. Mr Clarke and Mr Dorrell announced their alliance at a joint news conference at Church House, Westminster, having had several conversations in recent days that led Mr Dorrell to tell a member of

that he was ready to with-They have not done any deal on which job Mr Dorrell would get in a Clarke-led party, but Mr Clarke said that he would have a "very leading

Mr Clarke's team on Tuesday

Mr Clarke said: "I welcome Stephen's endorsement and the extra support he will bring to my campaign. He has a formidable reputation both as an effective minister and campaigner and as an original

policy thinker." Mr Dorrell said: "Ken Clarke is the outstanding figure at the centre of contemporary British politics. He is, in fact, the unity candidate. He is the big hitter of this generation. He should be the next Conservative leader and th next Prime Minister of the

United Kingdom. "As this leadership election increasingly impressed by the extent to which Ken Clarke and I have been arguing the same case." The former Chancellor had one of the most original minds in politics, and Continued on page 2, col 4

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Blair seeks full

honours review



Anne Michaels, whose powerful winning novel displays her skill as a poet

# First novel bears fruit

By Erica Wagner, literary editor

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor TONY BLAIR plans a fundamental shake-up of the honours system to give it more independence from the office of Prime Minister.

It has plready been revealed that he intends to curb the convention of giving honours to MPs. Now, it is understood, he is also "uncomfortable" with the idea of distinguishing between composers, businessmen and artists who may be eminent in their fields.

Although the Prime Minis-

Astronomers have discovered a mini-planet at the solar system's edge — a find that may change thinking on how planets evolved. More than ter will work with the current arrangements for the present, Whitehall expects a full review of the system. One option would be an honours commis-300 miles in diameter, it is the sion that would compile a list brightest object found beyond the orbit of Neptune since of names which the Prime Minister would send directly to the Queen without interven-Pluto in 1930 ...... Page 13 tion by himself or his staff. Buying The Times oversess
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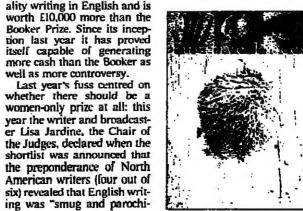
A Downing Street source confirmed yesterday that the honours system was one that Mr Blair hoped to tackle in his

first term. However, with other priorities, he had not yet decided on a way forward. Senior officials said they would welcome a review. They believe the system has become outdated, that some titles are

anachronistic and that awards made under various orders of chivalry are confusing. One senior source said: "We have looked at all this and there are considerable anomalies. Some people think 'dame' is outdated, for example. The problem is, when you start to tinker with something like

this, you risk bringing down the whole pack of cards - but the system does need change." Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, the former Cabinet Secretary, said he thought Mr Blair should set up a Royal Commission to review the whole system. "It would be perfectly possible for a separate committee or commission to over-Continued on page 2. col 2 THE £30,000 women-only Oral", calling forth a storm of ange Pri.e. Britain's largest predictable outrage. The same prize for a single work of was true of last year's list, fiction, was won last night by which included Amy Tan, Anne Tyler, Marianne Wig-gins and Pagan Kennedy, all the Canadian writer Anne Michaels for her novel Fugitive Pieces, praised in The Americans, though the prize Times as a novel "of unusual was won by the British author and compelling power".

Helen Dunmore. Michaels's novel is her first, but she is an accomplished poet whose first collection, The Weight of Oranges (1986) won



the Americas, her second, Miners Pond (1991) was shortlisted for the Canadian Governor General's Award.

Fugitive Pieces (Blooms bury, £15.99) is the story of Jakob Beer — rescued by a Greek archeologist from the ruins of his Polish town dur-ing the Second World War and in the lyrical intensity of its language displays its au-thor's skill as a poet.

Also shortlisted were Accordion Crimes by E. Annie Proulx (4th Estate), Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood (Bloomsbury). One by One in the Darkness by Deirdre Madden (Faber), Hen's Teeth by Manda Scott (Women's Press) and I Was Amelia Earhart by Jane Mendelsohn (Cape). The judges were the novelist Andrea Levy; novelist and broadcaster Val Mc-Dermid: journalist Allison Pearson and Fiona Kennedy, a senior book buyer for Tesco.

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# Britain's oldest test-tube mother has twins at 54

Michaels's work was chosen from 131 entries, 11 of which were submitted at the judges'

request. The prize is open to

women writers of any nation-

well as more controversy.

By Stephen Farrell The Times on the Internet

> A WOMAN aged 54 has become Britain's oldest test-tube mother by giving birth to twins after being implanted with eggs from a younger donor.

The mother is said to have received in-vitro treatment from Professor lan Craft, the reproduction specialist, at a Harley Street clinic before having the twins at University College Hospital.

London, on Tuesday. A hospital spokesman said yesterday that mother and children were doing well.

However, he refused to confirm reports that the mother is Eleanor Armstrong Perlman, wife of Dr Morris Perlman, a reader in economics at the London School of Economics. "The mother wishes to maintain her priva-

cy," he said. Professor Craft, a director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility

Centre, has long defended the right of women over 50 to have IVF treatment. Last night he refused to confirm whether he had treated the woman, saying his clinic dealt with about five cases a year of mothers aged between 50 and 55.

"Making families is a very happy business and egg donation makes magic happen for people who are deeply unhappy and stressed," he said. "Women do conceive naturally up to in a clinic too? It is only logical." Fewer than 100 women are believed to have given birth over the age of 50. The oldest was a 63-year-old Califor-

the age of 55 so why not let that happen

nian in November 1996. A 59-year-old British woman who had twins in 1993 received her treatment in Italy.

The previous oldest Briton to successfully undergo treatment in this country was Pauline Lyon, who gave birth just before her 52nd birthday.

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### EC may force **British firms** to set up works councils

By Charles Bremner and Jill Sherman

BRITISH companies could be punished for failing to consult workers before making deci-sions affecting their jobs, the European Commission suggested yesterday. But Downing Street said that Tony Blair had strong misgivings about the plan to insist that all firms with more than lifty staff should set up works councils.

The Brussels proposal came as the Commission made its first move under the social chapter since the Labour Government agreed to join it. The sanctions scheme was floated by Padraig Flynn, the Com-missioner for Social Affairs, as Brussels started the machinery for a new law which would require all but the smallest firms to "inform and consult" their personnel through works

Employers, particularly in Britain, fear that the proposal will hinder plans for industrial restructuring and diminish European competitiveness. But the plans were warmly welcomed by the TUC and will test the Government's twin commitment to improving the lot of workers while also encouraging the EU to break with rigid practices that stifle

The new social chapter scheme is a response to the anxiety across Europe over the EU's supposed failure to combat unemployment and the job insecurity bred by the pres-sures of the global market

Mr Flynn said that sanctions were essential to stop companies flouting existing labour rules as the Renault company had done when it announced the closure of its Belgian car plant at Vilvoorde.

The nature of sanctions had yet to be devised, but he suggested that dismissal notices would be declared "nuil and void" if an employer failed to follow rules on consultation

and the negotiation of a redundancy plan with employees John Major insisted on a British opt-out from the social chapter at Maastricht in 1991, machine. And the CBI and the European Employers' Federa-

tion have resisted tougher EU

legislation on works councils as a brake on competitiveness. At his first European summit last month, Mr Blair urged EU leaders to resist new social measures that would put a burden on business. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, yesterday announced plans to use Britain's turn in the EU presi-dency next year to light for more flexible labour markets

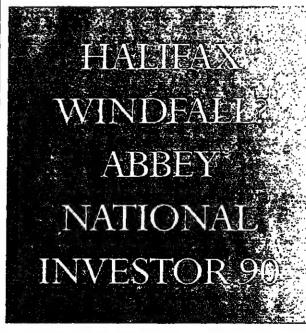
### 'Cats' ticket cost could double

Lord Lloyd-Webber used his Lords maiden speech to say that signing up to the social chapter could more than double the cost of tickets to his London musicals. The composer contrasted the £32.50 top London price for Cats and the £66.50 charged in Hamburg, where more actors and staff had to be employed.

in Europe. The Government has introduced a new clause on flexible markets in a nev EU "employment chapter".

Aimed at responding to the anguish across Europe over high unemployment, the new employment chapter is being drafted as part of the revamped Maastricht treaty, to be finished at the Amsterdam summit this month. Britain backs the draft, but shares objections voiced mainly by Germany, to a plan for finan-Continued on page 2. col I

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# Small gust throws windsurfer off balance

TONY BLAIR windsurfs the waves with flair and energy but the point about windsurfing is to keep moving and keep your eye open for the unexpected squall. Yesterday he hit one. He came close to a ducking. At Prime Minister's Questions, John Major threw him into a surprising spin.

It was over an issue most will regard as arcane, and which Mr Blair had not expected. The Prime Minister had a reply ready for a Tory attack over Labour's "guillotine" motion on the devolution referendums - indeed, he gave the reply anyway. But that was not what Mr Major asked him. Major reminded Blair of his three-week-old undertaking to publish the

the referendums. Did that promise still hold? A small breeze ruffled the PM's sunny countenance. He said a White Paper would be published before the referendums. This

Perhaps, said Major, the Rt hon gentleman had misheard his question: would the Bill be published? Had Mr Blair changed his mind? Was this not a question of "trust"?

The breeze stiffened. Blair's jaw began to work, and he frowned. The White Paper proposals would be published, he insisted. The Tories began to barrack. "Plainly" (he was to use this word three times) a White Paper must contain the



would be in the White Paper

same proposals as, eventually, the Bill would. This was not quite true. Mr Blair's manner showed it. He began to repeat himself, his voice taking on a bleating edge. Tories, scenting blood, barracked louder.

For the first time in weeks. John Major looked happy. He read out the extract from Hansard: "The Prime Minister: of course the Bill will be published in time for the referendum, because the referendum will take place on those proposals." Well, plainly, Blair replied, those proposals

his balance, and he away (oratorically) against the steady breeze of a Government cheer. But the Tories had been heartened and Mr Blair's new backbenchers had seen their

Saying so allowed Blair to

The PM was "wriggling and waffling", said Major. Mr hero flounder for the first Blair obliged by wriggling time. Under unexpected presand waffling some more, repeating himself, and saying sure, he had looked nervy. What had been revealing had "plainly" again. Happy faces been a sudden brittleness in behind him froze.

Mr Major called him "contemptible", then took an unadversity. It was not as though the issue itself was likely to precedented fifth bite at the rock the nation. All Mr Blair had needed to do was to say -in so many words - "hey cherry, accusing Blair of being caught with his fingers in the guys, I'm sorry; I got it wrong. I meant 'White Paper'. This till - oratorically". This fifth bite was unnecessary, and "the fingers in the till" an will contain the proposals." unwise metaphor from a party Instead, his instinct had been

to hold on with whitening knuckles when he should have loosened his grip. It was instructive, no more.

This had been no change in the political weather. The interlude was of as much or as little significance as one of those sudden gusts that scud across the bay on a sumny afternoon. They darken and ruffle the water's surface for a moment, throw up a little spray, and then are gone.

But an image stays in the mind: of Tony, the bronzed windsurfer, taken by surprise and flailing for balance. He recovered within moments. But it was interesting how easily he had been upset.

### Officer's son charged with RUC murder

A police officer's son was among four men charged yesterday with the murder of the RUC Constable Greg Taylor in Ballymoney, Co Antrim, on Sunday. Leslie Henry, 30, whose father is a part-time police reservist, and the other men were remanded in custody until June 20.

They deny the charge.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday welcomed the decision of the Orange Order to write to nationalist residents in Portadown, Co Armagh, about next month's parade at Drumeree. Dr Mowlam described the open letter, to 1,500 nationalist residents, as "a sincere and genuine attempt to promote understanding".

### M25 charge dropped

A police decision to withhold their evidence concerning Kenneth Noye, the man wanted for questioning over the M25 "road rage" killing of Stephen Cameron, yesterday led to a friend of the Brinks-Mat villain walking free from court. Charges against Terence Hole were dropped at Maidstone Crown Court after the prosecution failed to persuade a judge that it should not hand over to the defence, evidence concerning Mr Noye.

### Police evidence probe

Scotland Yard internal investigators have begun an inquiry into officers involved in a drugs trial after Judge Fergus Mitchell, sitting at Snaresbrook Crown Court, heard that evidence had gone missing and the case collapsed. He threatened to jail a team of officers from the Metropolitan Police and Essex police working for the south-east regional crime squad for contempt. The officers were involved in the case of five men accused of conspiracy to supply cannabis.

### Singer jailed again

Mark Morrison, the pop singer, was brought from his cell in Wormwood Scrubs prison yesterday to Bow Street magistrates court, where he admitted criminal damage to a vehicle and threatening behaviour in Leicester Square on May 3. Morrison, 25, of Westbourne Park, west London, was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment, to run concurrently with his existing three-month term term, imposed on May 14 for threatening a police officer with a stun gun.

### **Supersonic Premier**

Tony Blair is to charter Concorde to fly to the G7 economic summit and to the UN environment summit in America this month. The hire will cost £250,000, the same price that British Airways charged John Major for recent overseas trips on one of their 767s. BA said: "We would be only too delighted to assist where we can and save the Prime Minister's party time." Both Mr Major and Margaret Thatcher used Concorde when they were Prime Minister.

### BBC radio soccer threat

The BBC faces losing all live football coverage after Talk Radio announced it was making a bid for exclusive radio rights to the Premier League. Radio 5 Live's £300.000, fouryear contract with the League expires after the 1998-99 season and Talk Radio says it is confident it will be able to outbid the BBC. Sky has secured all television rights until 2002, with the BBC allowed to show only highlights.

### Work and miscarriage

Women who work long hours in the first three months of pregnancy face triple the risk of miscarriage, according to at the University of California. A women lawyers who graduated between 1969 and 1985 showed that those who worked more than 45 hours a week were five times as likely to be stressed and three times as

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### 'Apartheid' claim

An industrial tribunal reserved judgment on an Asian barrister's claim that she suffered discrimination because of "professional apartheid" at the Commission for Racial Equality. Raj Naidoo told the hearing in Croydon that she had been victimised and passed over for promotion. The commission said that Mrs Naidoo was "significantly worse qualified" than the successful candidate.

### Spy settles out of court

A former M16 officer who was sacked as a spy and tried to take his case to an industrial tribunal, has now settled his grievance, after pressure from his former employers and Foreign Office legal advisers. Known only as Agent T, he was prevented from airing his case at a tribunal after Malcolm Rifkind, then Foreign Secretary, served a ministerial gagging order.

### New HQ for GCHQ

The Government's electronic eavesdropping centre, GCHQ is to be given a new purpose-built headquarters. financed by the private sector. It is to be developed under the Private Finance Initiative and the GCHQ management would have to accept the cheapest bid. The most likely option is to choose one of the two existing sites in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

# Chancellor goes to Europe with plan to create more jobs

By Philip Webster, political editor

A PLAN to create jobs across Europe by breaking down barriers to employment and cutting burdensome regulations was launched by Gordon Brown yesterday.

**Works councils** 

In what he described as the first economic initiative by the Government in Europe for ten years, the Chancellor announced that he had sent his "action plan" to EU finance ministers and put on the agenda for their meeting in Luxembourg on Monday.

It amounts to a call to the rest of Europe to sign up to the Government's agenda of flexible labour markets, welfare reform and help for small and medium-sized businesses, and has been made more urgent by the election in France of a Socialist government which Labour féars may be wedded

cial "incentives" to help job

Government's leftwing creden-

tials, its job market ambitions

are viewed with suspicion on

much of the Continent. Like

nel Jospin. France's Socialist

Prime Minister, regards "flex-

ibility" as a code-word for

harsh "Anglo-Saxon" prac-

only two EU states without

existing laws requiring works

councils at most levels, Mr

Flynn noted. He said he

expected the full support of the

Blair Government when the

new social chapter measures

But Mr Blair is poised to

reject the new social policy

proposals from Brussels for

reach the legislation stage.

Britain and Ireland are the

creation in member states.

threaten job creation. Mr Brown made plain that it would be a key theme next year during Britain's presidency of the EU and the G7 group of industrial nations.

When he meets Lionel Jospin, the new French Prime Minister, in Malmo, Sweden, tonight Mr Blair is expected to take his first opportunity to press the case for reform enshrined in the programme.

The Chancellor is urging the EU's council of finance ministers to reduce unemployment by creating greater employment opportunities and more labour market flexibility. Existing procedures should be used to focus on obstacles to job creation in every member state, and countries should develop welfare to work initiatives along the lines of to old-style social and employ-ment policies that might brown in his July Budget. Mr

works councils for all com-

sanctions against firms who

His office said that the plans

seemed unnecessary and he is

likely to oppose them. Sources

multi-national companies but

not those operating in one

country.

Mr Blair is expected to raise

the issue at the Socialist Con-

gress in Sweden where he

meets M Jospin later today.

Although he will highlight the

need for "a crusade against

unemployment" across

Europe he will warn of the

dangers of too much regula-

tion being imposed on the

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panies with over 50 staff and

to build up small and medium-sized enterprises by helping them to cut bureaucracy and reduce costs on crossborder trade. He also wants progress on completing the single market by removing barriers to firms from one country investing in another. and cutting regulations that stand in the way of jobs.

Any labour market regula-

Brown wants a new task force

tions, including those that might be introduced through the Social Chapter, must pass three tests, Mr Brown said. "Did they increase productivity, did they increase employment opportunity and did they increase labour market flex-

Speaking at a Treasury news conference Mr Brown said: "No longer should the British Government sit on the sidelines in Europe when there are major economic issues at stake. We know the problems in the European economy. It's now time for the British Government to influence the solutions.

"By doing so, we believe we are changing the terms of the European economic debate jobs, getting Europe to work, creating employability and labour market flexibility will be the major themes, on the Presidency next year," he said. Mr Brown added: "It breaks through what many people see as a sterile debate about the economy in Europe at the moment, a debate that should now be about jobs and about how we make Europe a more

dynamic economy. He hoped to have "concrete results" from his action plan by the end of the Britain's sixth-month tenure of the rotating EU presidency which ends in July next year.

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Falling into step: Stephen Dorrell lining up with Kenneth Clarke yesterday

### Dorrell joins Clarke camp

rather dubious about Mr

Clarke's popularity in some

parts of the party, but that had now changed. Tory rank-and-

Continued from page 1 his conservatism was not the politics of the "soggy centre". Mr Dorrell said. "He stands for a society where institutions must justify themselves and individuals must accept responsibility for their own actions. When this leadership election began it was widely thought that Ken Clarke couldn't win. It is now clear

lecture last night, Mr Clarke said that the Tories had to recapture the middle ground - the four million Conservtive voters who defected to Labour or Liberal Democrats or

file members recognised that Mr Clarke was "simply the biggest figure on the stage".
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not to abandon any aspect of Conservative philosophy, but it needed to be brought up to date with policy iniatives that bore on the problems faced by familles at the turn of the century. The last Government's health, education and welfare reforms would all have to be re-examined. "Perhaps in all these areas we had started to crash on with the details in such a hurry that we



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# Blair seeks full review of honours system

that is wrong.

come up with recommendations . . .

"I really think we should have a public debate about it, but the Prime Minister would have to decide whether he really wished to deprive himself of some of this patronage."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said there would be no objections to a change from the Queen. Anthony Seldon, a co-founder of the

patronage in the hands of the Prime Minister, and honours place a burden on No 10 staff. It would be much better to have an independent body assessing the names. It would be a strengthening of the British constitution and I believe the end of a century is a splendid time to take stock." Vernon Bogdanor. Reader in Government at Brasenose College, Oxford, also backed a review. There is too much political patronage

Ben Pimlott. Professor of Politics and Contemporary History at Birkheck College, London, also agreed the system needed to be rationalised and that this would be easy to achieve. He said it would need no legislation and could be decided administratively.

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an important responsibility for the Prime Minister to retain. There is a political honours scrutiny committee of three men who already vet [the list] to see if there has been corruption. But the idea of having a commission or committee would not work. If you got such a group to choose people for honours, they would get all sorts of

# ory, said last night: "There is too much Ministers. The important element in

Mr Dorrell said that on

May 2 he would have been

see the honours system. Such a commission or committee of privy councillors could take a year, say, to

my view is that the patronage system should be totally disassociated from

Edward Heath, the former Conser-

lobbying from people to get on a list." He nevertheless believed the Order

of the British Empire should be



### in Britain, in my view, and since the varive Prime Minister, however, does replaced. "We don't have an empire and the awards should be given a new 1958 Life Peerages Act there has been a not support an independent body for huge seam of parronage for Prime Institute of British Contemporary Histhonours and believes their granting is name," he said.

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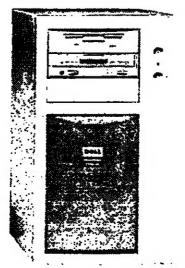
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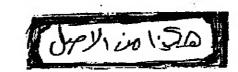


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# Guardian and Granada TV mounted sustained attack on former minister, court told

# Aitken's standing 'ruined by lies about arms sales'

By MIKE HORSNELL

THE former Tory Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken's reputation was "butchered" by baseless allegations involving the supply of prostitutes to Arab businessmen and illegal arms sales to Iran, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mr Aitken, who resigned as Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 1995 in order to fight the allegations, is suing The Guardian and Granada TV. which claimed that his business career and fortune depended upon his connection with the Saudi Arabian Royal

Family. In the course of a 20-year relationship with one member of that family, Prince Moham-med, Mr Airken was alleged to have become a "financial par-asite". Mr Justice Popplewell, who is trying the libel case in the absence of a jury, was told that the allegations included claims that he had "whored" for the Saudis and concealed from his constituents that he had placed himself in Arab

pockets for his personal gain. Mr Aitken, 54, who lost his seat, Thanet South, at the general election, sat listening with his wife, Lolicia, as Charles Gray, QC, outlined his claim for damages, including aggravated damages. His action, expected to last eight

weeks, was launched after The Guardian and Granada simultaneously published articles and broadcast a World in Action programme in April 1995, and again the following December, examining links between Mr Aitken and the Saudi Royal Family.

The judge watched videos of two programmes, the first entitled Jonathan of Arabia. Mr Gray told Mr Justice Popplewell: "It's no exaggeration to say they butchered his personal, political and professional reputation. The defendants accept that they have acted in collaboration with one another. They mounted a sustained attack on his good name, his honour and his

integrity."

He added that one of the principal sources of the published material was Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, whom the former Prime Minister John Major was told had a file on Mr Aitken that proved he was a pimp and owner of two model agencies that provided

Mr Major was said to have been told by an intermediary that Mr Al Fayed had described a clandestine business meeting at the Ritz Hotel in Paris, which he also owns, in 1903. At that meeting it had been alleged that £2 billion. the proceeds of an arms deal, was split between Mark Thatcher, Mr Aitken, Prince Mohammed and the Syrianborn arms dealer Wafic Said.

In one version of events, it was said that Baroness Thatcher's son had taken a C300 million share. But while both sides in the case emphasised that there was no evidence to support Mr Al Fayed's claim, Mr Gray added that a memo "shows the vigour and enthusiasm with which Granada pursued that hare, as indeed did The Guardian".

For good measure, Mr Gray said, it had been alleged that at the clandestine meeting at the Ritz. Mr Aitken had not had to pay his hotel bill.

Mr Gray added: "Perhaps the gravest charge, really a double-barrelled charge, is that Mr Aitken grossly misconducted himself as a minister in flagrant defiance of the rules governing ministerial conduct. Whilst holding the office of Minister of Defence Procurement, he conducted private business dealings with an arms company, Future Management Services (FMS)."

The allegations include a claim that, at the height of the Iran-Iraq war, Mr Aitken helped a company called Astra Holdings sell arms to the two countries despite knowing that it was prohibited. The two organisations accused him as non-executive director of the arms company BMARC of having known about the sale of naval cannon to Iran.

Mr Aitken denies another claim that 15 years ago he had asked Robin Kirk and Jo Lambert, employees of the Inglewood Health Hydro in Berkshire, to procure prosti-tutes for Arab clients. It was alleged that he had called in police on the hogus pretext that the two employees had committed fraud in order to



destroy their reputation, renege on a promise to pay them commission and disrupt their plan to take over a rival hydro.

There were other claims, Mr Gray added, which were not being pursued. These included one which had been abandoned only 36 hours before the hearing, that Mr Aitken had 20 years ago interviewed women notionally as air hostesses but in reality as prositutes for Arabs on an aircraft that was nothing less than a "glorified knocking shop". Although these allega-

tions had been dropped, they still remained relevant to the question of aggravated damages, Mr Gray said. Despite all the evidence on Mr Ait-ken's behalf, which would involve the calling of a "dauntingly large number" of witnesses, The Guardian and Granada were "obstinately

persisting with their attack". The financial relationship between Mr Aitken and Prince Mohammed had begun in 1979 when the former MP director of Al Bilad UK, but it

ended when the prince took up public office in 1984, and during those dates Mr Aitken drew a salary of only £9,000 capital. per year plus bonuses worth

about one third of that sum. It was wholly untrue that his assets derived from his association with the Saudi royals, and he had actually acquired his wealth after inheriting one third of his father Sir William Aitken's estate, and half the estate of an aunt.

In 1982 he became a director and shareholder in TV-AM, a company in which the prince and others invested more than £3 million, but that represented only 16 per cent of its share

Prince Mohammed had contributed nothing towards the cost of Mr Aitken's 18th century home in Lord North Street, London, which cost only half the £500,000 which The Guardian and Granada had reported.

Mr Aitken will start his evidence from the witness box today. The defendants deny libel and will plead justification in their defence.

# Employee accuses 'caring' bank of

industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Yvette Davis, a compensation expert at Chase Manhattan's British headquarters in Bournemouth, said that she was victimised by her managers after taking seven weeks sick leave for work-related stress last year. She resigned when set embarrassing work objectives, which included having to inform her supervisor whenever she left her desk, even to go to

"I felt totally humiliated by it," she told the Southampton industrial tribunal. "If a supervisor wasn't there, I had to let one of my colleagues know." Miss Davis, a

The bank's mission statement, known as the Chase Vision, was written into contracts. It said: "This means total dedication to integrity and total repect for each other. We regard our colleagues as we do respected clients; we treat our colleagues with courtesy, candour and

She told the tribunal that the bank's noble words belied a cold approach. Someone is going to end up committing suicide one day because of that company," she said. I want the little people to know how the big people treat them - I think it is appalling. I have been on the edge of a breakdown because of Chase Manhattan Bank. They don't sack people - they manage them out"."

She resigned in January after further

Andrew Burns, for Chase Manhattan, said Miss Davis had overreacted to friendly questions from Mr McCartney and had not been treated differently from other employees. The hearing was adjourned until August.



Davis: said staff policy could lead to suicide

### Kray was buried 'without his brain'

By Stewart Tendler

RONNIE KRAY, one of the notorious gangster twins, was buried without his brain, his elder brother Charlie told a

jury yesterday. Mr Kray, 70, was close to tears as he said the brain was secretly removed by a Home Office pathologist before the funeral two years ago. The family went ahead with the funeral and had to have a second one some months later after the brain was returned in

a casket. The story of Ronnie Kray's missing brain emerged yesterday as his brother, from Sanderstead, South London, gave evidence at Woolwich Crown Court where he denies charges involving cocaine worth

£39 million. Two other men have already pleaded guilty to

drugs charges.
Asked if there had been a problem after Ronnie, who was in Broadmoor, died, Mr Kray said that a few months later the family discovered his brain had been removed for an experiment. He said his other brother Reggie found out first. "Everyone was ringing up about it and was very upset about it and wondering

why."
Mr Kray said complaints Office, which did not admit to the removal of the brain: "We thought we were burying the full hody at the time."

### IRA man shows jury how to fake a bomb

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SELF-confessed IRA volunteer showed an Old Bailey jury yesterday how to make a fake time bomb, using icing sugar to make explosives officers think they faced Semtex high explosive.

Gerard Hanram, 38 said 37 fake bombs would have been placed by his IRA team at six electricity sub-stations linking London to the National Grid. The "brilliant" plan would have left the authorities with no choice but to turn off power. London would have been

without electricity for at least a day and the IRA would have scored its biggest coup without any deaths or injuries.

Hanrany and seven oth-er men have denied plotting to blow up the substations last year. In court he has admitted he was part of the IRA team and claimed other defendants were also in the IRA. Asked vesterday why he denied plotting to cause explo-sions, he said he "was not guilty of that charge".

As the jury and Mr

Justice Scott-Baker watched, Hanratty demonstrated how to build a take bomb using three bugs of icing sugar. He said the IRA had told him that the icing sugar would look exactly like Semrex under an X-ray.

He packed the sugar into a wooden box holding a time and power unit. A piece of metal piping was slipped into the sugar to simulate a detonator and connected to wires.

Asked by Kenneth Mac-donald, QC. for the defence, whether the hoax would have worked. Hanratty said: "The bomb disposal people are highly professional people and they don't mess around. To them this was a bomb."

He said 37 boxes with time and power units found by police in south London were never intendeu to hold explosive or detonators. Their purpose was to force the British establishment to turn off their own electricity.

"Any bomb disposal officer called to deal with such a device in the vicinity of 100,000 volts would have to turn the electricity off before. The result would be no electricity in London for however long it took to deal with the devices. It would take a minimum of hours. We felt they would be dealt with in a day and a half."

Hanratty added: "If we had succeeded in cutting off the electrical power to London it would have been all over the world."

He said he would not have been prepared to take the risk of planting a real bomb inside an electrical installation. IRA volunteers were not expendable. he said.

The trial continues.

# humiliation over lavatory visits

By MARK HENDERSON

Alan Rusbridger, Editor of The Guardian, with the

former editor Peter Preston. The paper denies libel

AN AMERICAN bank whose employment contracts required staff to show "total respect" for each other humiliated a woman employee by making her report every time she went to the lavatory, an

the lavatory or to use the photocopier.

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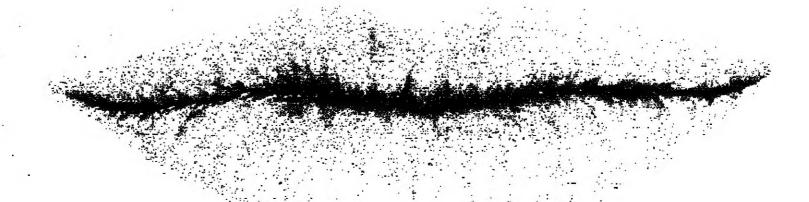
Christchurch, Dorset, claims constructive dismissal and sexual harassment by a male supervisor.

Miss Davis took time off for a stressrelated illness in March 1996 after her

manager, Carla Watkinson, told her that her performance was not up to standard. Miss Davis said she had obtained high marks at her 1995 performance assessment. After seven weeks off, she was sent a letter telling her she would be sacked if she did not return by April 26. Ms Watkinson devised strict objectives for Miss Davis.

humiliation from a new supervisor, Andrew McCartney, whom she accused of sexually harassing her in a private meeting. He asked her repeated questions about her personal life and her cabaret performances. I felt he fancied me and that he was interested in me."





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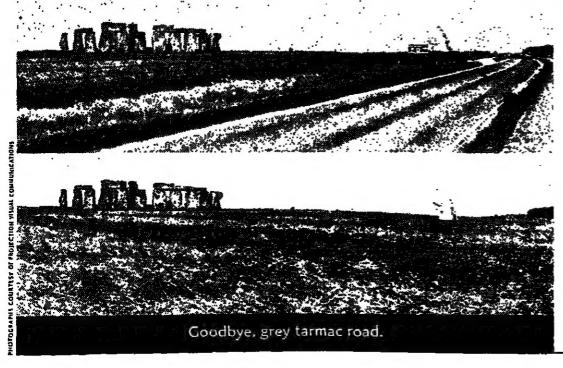
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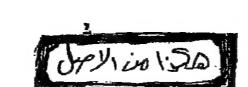
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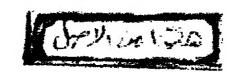
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It is like someone finding something valuable on The Antiques Roadshow, says judge

# Woman accused of deception turns tables on Sotheby's

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

AN INTERIOR designer spoke of her relief yesterday after being cleared of trying to cheat Sotheby's over a pair of antique tables. Denise Butler had wept as Recorder John Roberts, QC, told her she was like someone on The Antiques Roadshow who had suddenly discovered she owned something valuable.

Miss Butler had been accused of trying to deceive the auction house after offering for auction a pair of 1785 George III rosewood tables as unrestored originals when she had divided them in two after buying one table at an auction. The judge said she was entitled to restore them and "pump up the volume" of the price. "Where is the deception in that?" he asked.

Miss Butler bought the ornately decorated round table for £7.500 at an auction in March 1995 but then found it was made up of two semicircular Georgian side tables. Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court was told.

She spent £4,500 on "beautifully restoring them" and then offered them for sale through Sotheby's, which placed them in a sale catalogue for an estimated £40,000 to £50,000, the judge said. Sotheby's had

not spotted the restoration but called in the police when the auctioneer who had originally sold the table to Miss Butler saw it in the catalogue.

The judge said Miss Butler was like someone who had bought a dirty painting from a market stall, cleaned it up and found it was a Constable. Those of you who watch The Antiques Roadshow see how shocked a person is when an expert says that something you thought was worth £5 turns out that they are sitting on something worth £5,000. This lady found herself in the position that something she bought for £7,500 with four

with eight legs."
Regarding Miss Butler's claim to Sotheby's that the tables were a family heirloom, he said it was a matter of misrepresentation rather than

legs was actually two tables

The judge ordered the jury to acquit Miss Butler on three counts of deception after Simon Denison, for the prosecution, said he did not feel he could proceed.

Miss Butler, who trained as an interior designer, said: "I am innocent and have been from the outset. I am so pleased that at long last justice

has actually been done." She said she had not decided what to do with the tables.

A spokesman for Sotheby's said the decision to prosecute Miss Butler had been made by the Crown Prosecution Service, not the auction house. "When serious questions of authenticity are raised over objects to be offered in any Sotheby's sale, it is our policy to withdraw them from sale until such questions have been resolved satisfactorily.

Miss Butler said the tables had been her first big project after she became interested in antiques when she became ill with multiple sclerosis in 1985. She read books on the subject and had occasionally bought antiques to restore them.

"I borrowed money from my parents after spotting the potential of the table. It was my first big project," she said. been put through. Although my name has been cleared I feel I should never have been charged, let alone put through the ordeal of court. I have been through such a terrible time over the past 18 months. I can't believe it's all over."

Henry Neville, chairman of the British Antique Dealers Association, which represents



Denise Butler yesterday: "I'm angry at what I've been put through. I feel I should never have been charged"

the country's 400 leading antiques dealers, said the court case was highly unusual because one would normally expect auction-house experts to spot any restoration. "I wouldn't expect a private person to declare restoration be-

fore selling a piece because the auction house should have the expertise to judge it before selling it on - that is the expertise that an auction house markets itself on. The same goes for dealers." He said the main issue was

tion and reproduction. "Any piece over 200 years old is bound to have been conserved in some way or else it wouldn't be here today," he said.

the difference between restora-

"It's a question of degree. As long as you are not passing off

something modern as an antique or passing something off as something different then I don't think it can be classed as deception, but I would hope to be able to read the degree of restoration involved in the sales catalogue."

### Abbey hymns and Blair lunch for golden Royals

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will mark their fiftieth wedding anniversary in November with a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey and lunch with Tony Blair and his Government.

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The lunch will draw its 350 guests from a wide spectrum of national life far beyond Westminster. The idea was inherited from John Major, but Downing Street stressed last night that the Government was as keen to mark the Queen's anniversary as the previous administration.

Despite her wish that the golden wedding should be regarded as a private landmark rather than a state occasion, and should not be a burden on the taxpayer, de-tails announced by Buckingham Palace vesterday indicate that there will be no shortage of events to make the occasion

memorable. After the Abbey service, attended by government and opposition leaders, the Queen and the Duke will undertake a walkabout before lunch at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, In the evening, they will host a private dance at Windsor

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Celebrations will begin on July 5, when they will attend the Royal Pageant of the Horse, an equestrian extravaganza in Windsor Great Park which has been masterminded by Colonel Mike Parker, producer of the Royal Tournament. Although it has no official status, the event is expected to involve more than 1,000 horses and has outgrown the original planned

venue, Ascot racecourse. On July 15, 4,000 couples who were married in 1947 and who are still together will attend a garden party given by the Queen and the Duke at Buckingham Palace. More than 40,000 couples applied to attend and names were put in a ballot. Letters were sent to the winners yesterday in envelopes bearing a souvenir gold stamp from the Royal Mail. The 36,000 unlucky contenders will receive a signed consolation message, similarly stamoed.

On November 14, the Queen and the Duke will host a reception at Windsor Castle to mark the completion of its £40 million restoration after the 1992 fire. Architects, builders and craftsmen will be among the 1,500 guests in St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room, which were badly damaged in the blaze.

On November 19, the eve of their anniversary, the Queen and the Duke will be guests at a lunch given by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London in Guildhall: in the evening they will attend a gala at the Royal Festival Hall. On December 8 they will attend a dinner given by the Privy Council in the House of By Paul Wilkinson

already has one frog named after him, even left behind Christine Watson, his longoff on a ten-month trek from

home at their house in Hunslet, Leeds, processing the scores of photos he sends back of his observations. Before setting out last autumn he said: "It was a choice between Christine and the frog and I chose the frog. My friends think I'm nuts." He reckons that the expedition will have cost him more than £20,000 by

On his 10,000-mile route through Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia to Tanzania, Mr Pickersgill has had malaria and other infections, been attacked by hippos and eaten strange fare, including the roast tail of a monitor lizard that had just been hit by a vehicle. But he did manage to record four new species of African reed frog.

### Frog lover who gave it all up bags new species

AN AMATEUR naturalist who gave up his building society job. possessions and savings to go frog-hunting in Africa has discovered four Martin Pickersgill, 41, who

Cape Town to northern Africa. Ms Watson, 40, remained at

Mr Pickersgill has been keen on frogs since he was 13. In 1983 he made a similar trip to Natal and discovered the species now named after him: the Pickersgill Reed Frog, or Hyperolius pickersgilli.

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## Guide book turns up its nose at smelly Britons

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

VISITORS to Britain are being warned that the country is alarmingly expensive, has some of the grimmest and ugliest buildings, poor plumbing and dismal cities filled by car parks and windswept shopping precincts.

A new edition of the Lonely Planet guide book to Britain says that the countryside may be beautiful, but the nation is inhabited by unwashed, hobby-obsessed people, who speak in impenetrable accents and "don't understand that a good shower is one of life's basic essentials". The guide says that, because Britain has so many anractions and positive features, "to ignore or gloss over the negative one is misleading the tourist

needlessly". A team of researchers, led by Lonely Planet founder Tony Wheeler, spent two years updating their earlier guide, whose criticisms caused a furore when it was published two years ago. But it proved so popular among young backpackers, especially from

The number of Americans visiting Britain rose by 20 per cent in March, according to official figures pub-lished yesterday. The number of overseas visitors rose 3 per cent to just over five million in the first three months of the year. In the same period North American visitors increased 15 per cent to \$10,000 and spending by overseas visitors increased 3 per cent to £2.33 billion.

the Far East, that a new edition has been printed.

"This is not a horror guide, but an honest guide," said Jennifer Cox of Australianbased Lonely Planet in London. "As the number of foreign tourists rose by 17 per cent last year and tourism now accounts for 5 per cent of our GDP, there is no way Britain is regarded as a bad place to

Nonetheless, the authors heap stinging criticisms on destinations such as Tintagel which, they claim, "sold its soul to the great god Tourist,

for whom innumerable car parks and tacky tea shops have been provided". Coventry is described as "a dismal cityscape of car parks.

shopping precincts". Skegness is "the kind of place the English middle and upper class wouldn't dream of being seen in."

The whole of Wales - part of which is "breathtakingly beautiful" - is dismissed as rather like England's unloved backyard - a suitable place for mines, pine plantations and nuclear power stations. Even the most enduring of its symbols - the grim mining towns and powerful castles - represent exploitation and colonialism."

There are dire warnings about how expensive the country is and how prices are likely to rise by around 5 per cent a year. Prices in London, say the authors, are "horrific". Piccadilly Circus is "fume-choked and pretty uninspiring". However, the Lake District is "perfect" and Scotland is "exhilarating".

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### Seventies feminist who called for men to do housework targets family values for Harman

# Wine bar women's champion moves into government

allow women to drink at the bar of El Vino's, the Fleet Street wine bar, and called on fathers to do their share of the housework, is to be Harriet Harman's specialist adviser on women's issues.

Anna Coote, 50, said yesterday: "I am still a feminist, yes, but my views have changed. We all have the Labour Party has moved on." Ms Coote came to national prominence aged 20 supporting a move for the Pill to be given to any student on request.

As the editor of Student, the Edinburgh University news-paper, she also forced the resignation of Malcolm Muggeridge, then rector, after an article she wrote claiming he was not doing his job of representing students' views to the university authorities. Mr Muggeridge had angered students after describing their cravings for "the old slob's

escapes of dope and bed".

Ms Coote, who has an 11year-old daughter and lives with an academic, was rather coy yesterday about her cam-paigning past on women's issues. I probably don't agree with everything I said and have been tempered by experi-



new policy head

ence. But I am very proud of some of the things I did. I have been probably much more low

when reminded that she had once called on men to do half the housework, she said: That was a very outrageous thing to say in the 1970s, but people would laugh about it

During that period she married Laurie Taylor, the sociologist, but they have since divorced. Ms Coote was also an early champion of battered wives and, with her friend

Tess Gill, a solicitor, was one of the first to call for rape victims to keep their anonymity in court.

In a legal guide for the National Council of Civil Lib-erties in 1972. Ms Coote also highlighted the anomaly that women could not sue for loss of sex if their husbands were injured by somebody's negligence, but that a man so deprived could sue. In those pioneering days former colleagues recall that she was "very left wing, very Old Labour". One said: "I remember her once looking askance at the fact I was wearing a raincoat with a fur lining. Her

She was deputy editor at the New Statesman under Hugh Stephenson from 1978-82 who described her yesterday "as a tough old bird". "She thought she should get my job, which made things tricky between us, but then she turned herself into a TV personality. She has always been very interested in the feminist agenda, so I

expression said everything."

Ms Coole, whose late father. John, was a former executive Express Newspapers, worked at The Observer and became deputy editor of the



Anna Coote: says her views have been tempered by experience since the radical early days. "But I am very proud of what I did."

New Statesman before moving to television documentary work, including a three-year stint from 1982-85 as editor of Diverse Reports, the Channel 4 current affairs series.

In her new role she will divide her time between the new two-day post for Ms Harman and her job as deputy director of the Institute of Public Policy Research, the left-wing think tank. After

campaigning on the fringes, Ms Coote says she is delighted to be part of the new Government: "There is is a vital task just re-engaging women in politics, and for them to look to the Government and speak up on their behalf."

The need for childcare, particularly for school-age children, and where parents can have guaranteed care after school and during the holidays is a priority issue. "We must develop family-friendly policies that make a difference for parents. A lot of it is to do with attitude and of course any improvement in women's lives is inextricably linked with improvement in men's

Many of her ideas are included in The Family Way, the book she has co-authored with Ms Harman and Patricia Hewitt, now a Labour MP. Our theme was that children had to be dependent and be brought up to be dependable parents. We make the argu-

poor and dependent. But Ms Coote said yesterday she had also recently completed some interesting analysis on the different influences on boys and girls, and

ment about the importance of

women not being powerless,

how each child needs to develop a sense of values. She has also worked on the

creation of Citizens' Juries and looked at a new policy agenda for health. Ms Coote will develop new policy with Pauline Barrett, 50, who is married with two children, the civil servant selected by Ms Harman, to head the new women's unit. The two women



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In a Commons speech that was implicitly critical of Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary - under whom he served as the minister responsible for nationality and immigration - Mr Wardle said that he had been "instructed" in January 1994 to find a way of reversing the decision to reject Ali Fayed's application

for British citizenship. Without once naming Mr Howard, he said it had been "recommended" to him at the Home Office "that officials might simply cast a blind eye to the (DTI) report if more lavourable references were to be found".

Mr Wardle said: "That would not only have been unlawful and would have offended the high standards of civil servants in the nationality division of the Home Office, but would also have left the door open for all manner of future abuse of the British Nationality Act. It simply

Al Fayeds were stitched up by DTI, says Wardle By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER MOHAMED Al Fayed and Fayed. Mr Wardle insisted

his brother, Ali Fayed, were "stitched up" by a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry. Charles Wardle, a former Home Office minister, said

Mr Wardle called for a reexamination of the 1990 report into the Al Fayeds' takeover of House of Fraser and Harrods, which, he said, had forced the Home Office to reject a subsequent application for British citizenship by Ali Al Fayed because of its "highly adverse criticism" of the men.

> Wardle called for new would not have done." He said Mr Wardle also recalled the



look at DTI report

the intervention was "perhaps ... due to an incomplete knowledge of British national-

"intensive" press briefing which took place when it became clear that the Ali Al Fayed citizenship application had been discussed at the Home Office, "On one occasion I had to summon the Permanent Secretary from the Home Office to correct factual inaccuracies in a press state-ment that was about to be released."

The comment is understood to refer to a draft press release in Michael Howard's name which said that Mr Wardle himself, not Mr Howard, had instigated a re-examination of the application by Ali Al

that nothing he said should he interpreted as an attack on any fellow MP.

However, Mr Howard and his supporters denied Mr Wardle's version of events. A source close to Mr Howard said that the former Home Secretary had never behaved "inappropriately". He had made clear at the time that M Wardle should take the final decision on Ali Al Fayed's citizenship application.

Mr Wardle, who initiated yesterday's short Commons debate on DTI inquiries, said the investigation into the Al Fayed takeover had been "a travesty" and the report should be struck from the record. He claimed that it had been prompted entirely by pressure from the business magnate "Tiny" Rowland.

that the Al Fayeds had often "embellished the truth" and that they were prepared to fight "with no holds barred". "And yet, injustice is injustice, no matter how controver-

He said he had no doubt

sial the characters on the receiving end may be." Nigel Griffiths, the Industry and Consumer Affairs Minister, rejected Mr Wardle's call for a review of the Harrods

takeover report. Mohamed Al Fayed said last night that Mr Wardle had undergone a "Dumascene conversion on the road to Knightsbridge". His "revelations" reinforced the case for a public inquiry, he added.

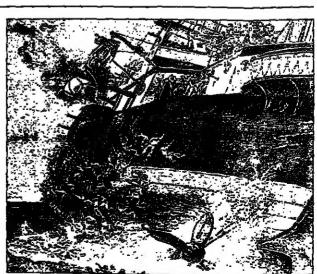
### Account of Victorian naval disaster discovered

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND JOHN VINCENT

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starboard bow was split open:



An artist's impression, based on an eyewitness account, of the sinking of HMS Victoria in 1893

she capsized and plunged head first to the bottom, sending Sir George and 435 other officers and men to an immediate watery grave. One of 200 survivors was a stoker. James Curran, whose handwritten account of the disaster is expected to make a modest £100 when auctioned at Phillips on June 12.

Curron likens the sinking to the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, "Someone had blundered, and it is blunders such as this as makes wives widows, children orphans, and cost so many of our British blue-

jackets their lives." He tells of seeing a watertight door slam on 100 of his shipmates condemning them to death, and of watching others smashed and killed on the vessel's rolling chocks, sliced to pieces by propellors or dragged under water by the overpowering suction of the sinking

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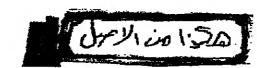
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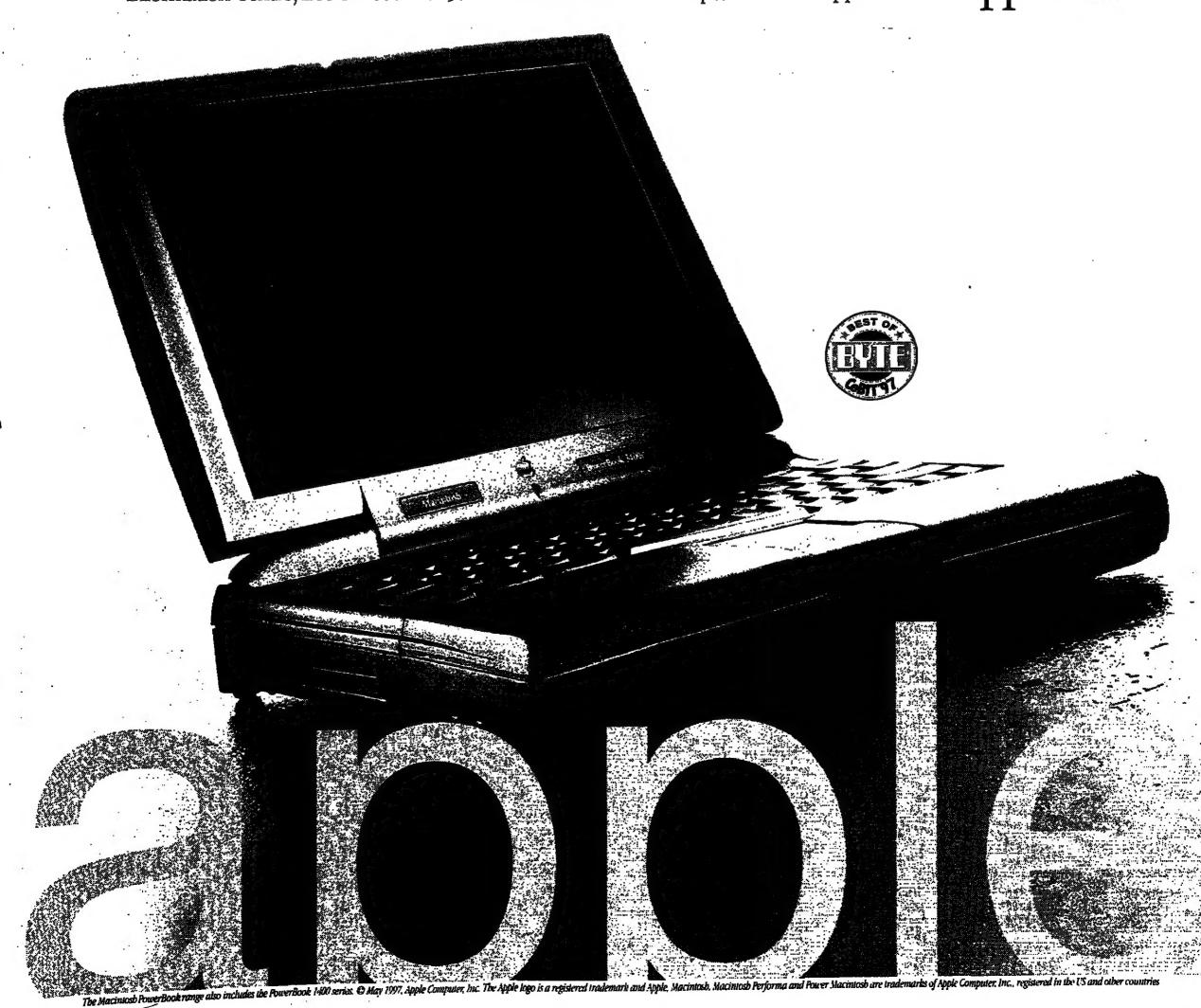
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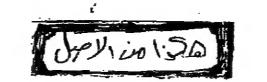


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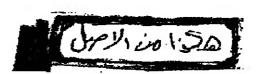


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# Open's old hands beaten by young fingers on buzzer

By Damian Whitworth

YOUTH prevailed on University Challenge last night as the record-breaking mature students of the Open University were defeated in the final by the young Turks of Mag-dalen College, Oxford.

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The Open team, which included 73-year-old Ida Sta-ples and had a combined age of 204, had swept through previous rounds, setting and then breaking a points record. But in the final they were defeated 250-195 by a quartet who were products of

state secondary schools. "Open didn't get many questions wrong, Magdalen were just very quick on the buzzer." Peter Gwyn, the programme's producer, said. They performed very well throughout the competition. They were not as spectacular as Open but they were always very, very solid and wellbalanced team, and that paid

dividends in the final." Open University, including Ida Staples, the oldest contestant ever, first terrified opponents when, in the first round, they trounced Swansea University 395-85 — the highest score since the series was relaunched. They broke their own record when they annihilated Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School

415-65 in the semi-final and

celebrated by taking their

broken opponents nightclubbing. Jim Adams, the Magdalen captain, said the team had been surprised to beat the Open University. "Given their awesome reputation, it was quite scary. You hear that these are the people who are going to thrash you. By that stage of the competition. most teams know most of the answers - it's just a matter of who is the fastest. I was very

fortunate that the other members of my team were very quick on the buzzer.

team members had played a part when he picked them. "A state school education puts you in a minority at Magdalen and I have to admit it was slightly a factor for me, There's a natural bias towards people who are a bit more like yourself."

The team members were all undergraduates: Jim Adams, 21, reading mathematics and philosophy; Alison Reeves, 21, history; Gwilym Thear, 21, English; and Colin Andress, 26, a mature student who was unemployed before taking courses at a further education college and winning a place to read classics. They had a combined age

less than half that of their

opponents, Mrs Staples, of

Mr Adams added that the secondary education of the

> Huntingdon, is a widow and retired pharmacist who travels the world, is on her third degree and does The Times word every day. Harriet Courtney. 51, is a computer analyst, Peter Bissett. 46. is studying the history of art and Martin Heighway, 34, is a science teacher studying for

Ms Couriney, who captained the Open team, said that there had been little dismay at their loss as they had not expected to win. "I was a little bit disappointed, but not totally. We did much hetter than we had expected. is quickest to the buzzer."



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The winners from Magdalen College, Oxford, were undergraduates from state secondary schools

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Questions that Magdalen College got right According to Genesis, Noah's Ark was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wand 30 cubits high — so what, in cubic cubits, was its volume? -50.

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Together again: Joyce and Pierrepoint, his hangman, are both shortlisted for a plaque

# War veterans say Haw-Haw plaque plan is an insult

By Russell Jenkins

A COUNCIL's inclusion of the the Allied war effort. Chad-Second World War traitor Lord Haw-Haw on a list of suggested commemorative plaques has provoked strong

protests from war veterans. William Joyce, alias Lord Haw-Haw, broadcast propaganda for Nazi Germany on the radio and, in his lisping pseudo-aristocratic voice, detailed Allied losses, praised the might of Hitler's forces and taunted the families of servicemen lighting on foreign fronts.

His compelling greeting, "Germany calling", was listened to by millions. After the war, Joyce was tried for treason and was executed. His is among 27 suggested names for the counsuggested names for the coun-cit's blue plaques, aimed at "honouring famous events and people" at a cost of £180 each. They were due to be discussed by Oldham Bor-ough Council's environmental services committee.

Others on the list include John Wesley, Eric Sykes, Dora Bryan and Charlie Chaplin. Sir Winston Churchill already has a blue plaque on Oldham Town Hall. By coincidence, Albert Pierrepoint, the last hangman in Britain, could also have his name on a plaque. It was Pierrepoint, the landlord of the Help the Poor Struggler public house in Hollinwood. who slipped the noose over Joyce's head in 1946.

Joyce, who claimed a British passport despite an Irish-American father, lived for a time as a boy in Brompton Street in the town where, according to his biographer. he became a "passionately patriotic English schoolboy". He later joined the Fascist movement and at the outbreak of war fled to Germany, where he used his skills as an orator in an attempt to undermine

wick Middleton, a former Far East prisoner of war, and secretary of the Oldham Liaison Association of Ex-Servicemen, said: "It is an affront to everyone who served in the Second World War.

"Lord Haw-Haw was a traitor. There is no reason to give him publicity. Some people see him as a figure of fun but he wasn't funny to the British during the war. Some of them were terrified by his claims that this place or that place would be the next to be bombed by Germany."

Thomas Fitzpatrick, 73, secretary of the Oldham and Rochdale Royal Artillery Association, said: "He was a Nazi through and through. What do the council want to go and do something like this for? We should be commemorating he-roes, not traitors. Ex-servicemen in Oldham won't stand for that going up on one of the town's walls. It would be torn

down in minutes." Joseph Wray, 71, of the Manchester branch of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment Association, said: "Lord Haw-Haw should be forgotten."

Harold Buckley. 44, a Brompton Street resident, said he was not prepared to have the plaque in his street. His father, also called Harold, was wounded at Arnhem. "If my father was still alive, he would fight this with everything he had," he said.

John Battye, leader of Old-ham council, intervened last night in the controversy and said he would take steps to kill off any plan to acknowledge Lord Haw-Haw in Oldham.

He said: "It would be wholly inappropriate, not to say offensive, to even consider Joyce for recognition in this way." Mr Battye apologised for any

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# Odd couple will make even odder bedfellows

THE cynics say it will be a marriage of convenience but on their third date in this election Ireland's odd couple were at pains to stress that theirs was a meeting of minds.

Bertie Ahern and Mary Harney, the leaders of the two main opposition parties, have been thrown together by events, and during the course of this campaign the strains have shown. Yesterday, however, they invited the world to admire the fruits of their union: a shadow budget designed to spread the benefits of Ireland's phenomenal growth by cutting taxes.

by cutting taxes.

A few balloons held shakily aloft by sweatshirted supporters turned Bewley's coffee house in Dublin from tourist trap into media centre. More carefully-packaged hot air from Mr Ahern and Ms Harney turned their two. very different, parties into a principled crusade. Mr Ahern's Fianna Fail are the party of the old Republic — populist, nationalist and corporatist. Ms Harney's Progressive Democrats are the party of new Ireland — yuppie, metropolitan and liberal. They have, however, coalesced on a

The strains have been showing in Bertie and Mary's marriage of convenience, writes *Michael Gove*. Yesterday, they invited the world to admire the fruits of their union

broadly Conservative platform, emphasising tax cuts, zero tolerance for crime and a "family friendly" social policy.

The polls, which have not moved significantly, suggest they are favourites to form the next government. About 15 per cent of voters have still to make up their minds and almost as many could vote for fringe or independent candidates but the odds still favour a Fianna Fail/Progressive Democrat government, just.

Although the incumbents, a rainbow coalition of the liberal Fine Gael party, Labour and post-Markist Democratic Left have presided over Europe's fastest growing economy, they have found, like the Tories, that the voters are apparently unwilling to show gratitude for a boom they feel they built themselves.

Certainly, Dublin's lunchtime drinkers were in the mood to lossen their belts a notch in yesterday's sun and the feeling that the time has come to spread the state's largesse permeates political conversations. One Progressive Democrat supporter sipping his drink in the shadow of Trinity College, Dublin, commented: "Top rate tax at 48 pence is just too high. This country is doing well enough to afford a cut." If the Fianna Fail/Progressive Democrats' tax-cutting proposals do secure victory then that would reverse the trend in the Euro-

However, the Fianna Fail/Progressive Democrat coalition, despite the best efforts of the opposition to paint them as Irish Thatcherites, still fit comfortably in the European mainstream. Earlier this week Ms Harney rebutted an alle-

pean Union which has seen

socialist victories in the United

Kingdom and France put the

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gation of right-wingery in a televised debate with Dick Spring, the Labour leader, by citing scripture — Tony Blair's manifesto commitments to reform welfare and be tough on crime — to prove she was the truer distrible of persy Labour

crime — to prove she was the truer disciple of new Labour.

Progressive Democrat spindoctors, altogether more approachable than their new 
Labour equivalent, despair, 
however, of convincing the 
media that they are not alien 
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from the planet Portillo. One 
argued: "With a decline in the 
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the moral high ground has 
been occupied by the parties 
furthest out on the left. They 
exercise disproportionate influence in the rainbow coalition government and Dublin's 
news rooms." He exaggerates, 
but not grotesquely.

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The political consensus in Ireland is still well to left of the United Kingdom. Industries privatised long ago in the United Kingdom still nestle in the Irish state embrace. When the Progressive Democrats floated the possibility of job cuts in the public sector, their kite was shot down by their Fianna Fail allies for fear of



Harney and Ahern, favourites to form the next government, at the launch of their shadow Budget yesterday

upsetting the delicate balance.
of patronage on which the
older party relies,

The tensions between the two parties revealed then have also surfaced on welfare reform and the peace process, with Fianna Fail forced to tone down Progressive Democrat positions. Before the election

was called, the Progressive Democrats' eight-strong parliamentary contingent were accused of wielding disproportionate influence over Fianna Fail; but, as the campaign has developed, the PD tail, far from wagging the dog, has often been sat on.

Earlier this week Di

Spring revealed that he had been warned by Mary Harney before he went into alliance with Fianna Fail in 1992 that he would have "a very sorry time". He did, storming out of coalition with them on a point of honour to create an alternative government. If Ms Harten

ney finds herself in government with Fianna Fail after tomorrow she should enjoy the honour of being Ireland's first female Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister). She may also find out how uncomfortable it is being in bed with a much bigger partner.

Sleaze factor fails to stop fightback by ex-minister

By AUDREY MAGEE

MICHAEL LOWRY, the former Irish Minister for Transport, refuses to be drawn on the parallels being drawn between his fight for reelection and the fall of the Tory MP Neil Hamilton.

The comparisons, however, are unavoidable. Mr Lowry has been at the centre of Ireland's own sleaze furore and his rival candidate is — like Martin Bell — a former television jornalist.

The crucial difference is that Mr Lowry is expected to hang on to his seat in North Tipperary, where he commands huge public support. He is standing for election as an independent after Fine Gael removed him from the party ticket over claims that he failed to pay tax on more than £300,000 given to him by the supermarket tycoon Ben Dunne.

Mr Dunne, whose alleged payments to politicians, including Charles Haughey, the former Prime Minister, are the subject of a tribunal, is claimed to have paid more than £200,000 for an extension to Mr Lowry's home and deposited £105,000 into an offshore account for the former minister.

The trials of the minister worsened when Irish newspapers carried details of an extra-marital affair, a subject not treated lightly in Irish society. But, despite it all, Mr Lowry is still on course to win a scat in tomorrow's election to the three-seat constituency of Tipperary North and may even top the poll. If he does, he could yield great influence in the formation of the next government,

government.

The government coalition of Fine Gact, Labour, and the Democratic Left is fighting a close battle with the opposition coalition of Flanna Fail and the Progressive Democrats. Independents like Lowery could be vital in securing an overall majority.

an overall majority. Mr Lowry is a former senior member and fundraiser for Fine Gael and was a close personal friend of John Bruton, the Prime Minister. The decision to oust Mr Lowry from the party has caused a rift in Fine Gael support in Tipperary North. About half the local party supporters back Mr Lowry, leaving the national party to take over and organise an alternative candidate. Tom Berkery was selected but de-spite best efforts by him and his party — including the allo-cation of £2.5 million to projects in Tipperary North in the past three weeks - he ap-pears likely to lose. It will be

the first time in 20 years that Fine Gael has been without a seat in the constituency.

The predicted outcome on the streets of Thurles, Mr Lowry's home town, is that the "three Michaels" will be elected: Mr Lowry and Michael O'Kennedy, of Fianna Fail, and the sitting TD or MP, Michael Smith, However, the journalist Kathleen O'Meara is charging up on the outside flank and may save the day for the government parties.

The Irish version of Martin Bell. Miss 'O'Mara appears on course to win through vote transfers and may take the third seat instead of Mr Smith. Ms O'Meara, 37. a former broadcasting journalist with RTE. who moved back to her home town of Roscrea in time for the election, said: "It has been going very well in the past few days



Lowry: ousted by Fine Gael as party candidate

and I think I'm in there with a chance of a seal. I'm not wearing a white suit though. It's impossible to keep clean in this work."

Richard Bruton. brother of the Taoiseach and Minister for Enterprise and Employment. was in Tipperary North yesterday to give support to the coalition candidates. Mr Berkery and Ms O'Meara. He said that despite the risks to Pine Gael, the decision to evict Mr Lowry was the right choice. "The public would not have accepted anything else," he said. "People are expecting high standards in public office and from a party like Fine

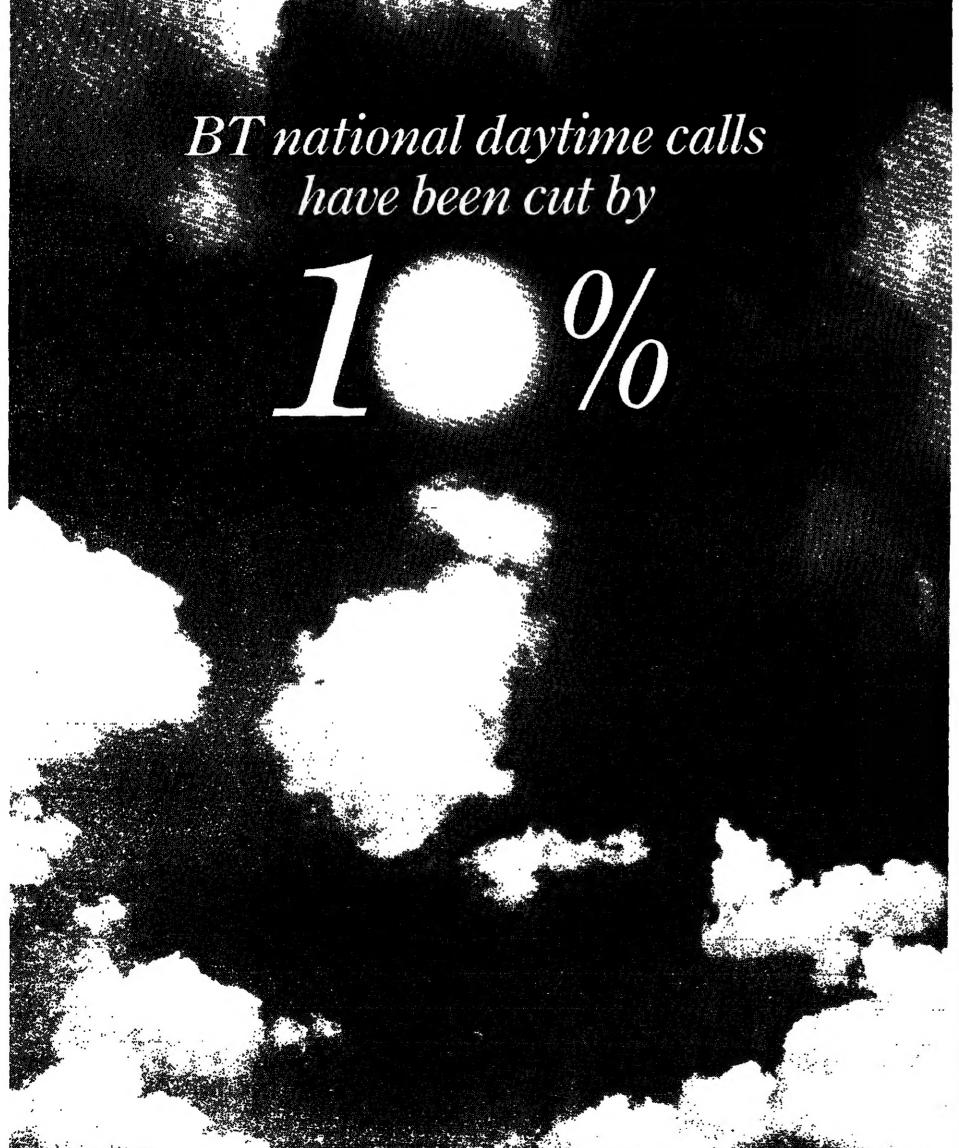
Mr Lowry, who spent the day in private meetings with constituents yesterday, has huge backing in Thurles despite his questionable tax and marital affairs. He has worked furiously for his region. In the 1980s he devised a scheme to clear the £1.3 million debt held by the Gaetin and has organised an annual rock concert in the town.

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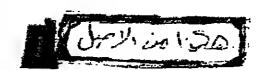


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# Tories make hard work of an already difficult job

he other day I remarked to one of the Tory leadership candidates that next I uesday's first round was essentially a beauty contest, to establish MPs first preferences, before the serious business began. This, he joked, must mean that the second round was an ugly contest, so he should win. The candidate had a point. The Tory's election rules are perverse in the

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The rules have mainly been used to get rid of unpopular leaders, as in 1975, 1990 and, unsuccessfully, in 1995. The only previous occasion when the sitting leader has not been in the first round was 1965 when Sir Alec Douglas-Home stood down. In 1965, there were just three candidates, only two of whom, Sir Edward Heath and Reginald Maudling had a serious chance. At present, there

Kenneth Clarke, William Hague and Peter Lilley, out of five first round candidates.

Mr Clarke, of course, starts with the advantage of being the most prominent and most popular candidate, both with the public and among Tory supporters. Yesterday's sensible decision by Stephen Dorrell to stand down will matter more in terms of headlines than in directly affecting the votes of MPs. It is a myth that candidates command blocks of voters that can be ordered this way or that. MPs support candidates for varying reasons of personal loyalty and past service as well as ideology. It is highly unlikely that all, or even most, of Mr Dorrell's perhaps half-dozen supporters will now back Mr Clarke. But it does reinforce his position as

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the sole candidate of the Centre-Left. By contrast, the position on the Centre-Right is messy and the rules do not make it easy to sort out. After all, anyone standing in the first mund can also stand in the second round, when other tandidates can join in (though they probably will not on this occasion). This determines which two candidates will fight the run-off. But there is no formal process of elimination, or rating of candidates in order with the votes of the lower ones being redistributed. It is likely that the candidate coming fifth next Tuesday. prohably John Redword, will drop out, but there is no reason why the

one in fourth place should do so -

fourth-place candidates could easily come within a handful of votes of each other. If the second or thirdplace candidates do less well than expected, the fourth place one - say, Michael Howard - may calculate. or at any rate claim, that he will pick up votes on the second round and could even move up into second place then.

The common assumption is that the second mond battle will be about which centre-right candidate is best placed to stop Mr Clarke. That is based on the belief that he will gain enough votes in the first round - say 45 to 50 - to establish momentum as the clear favourite, and the man to stop. But if he fails to gain that level of support, the contest could turn into a battle of stopping the candidate from the Right.

means of surting out preferences. The candidate — say William Hague — who would be most MPS second preference might come third in the second round behind Peter Lilley and would therefore be excluded from the run-off. Conversely, if Mr. Lilley is excluded, all his supporters may not automatically switch behind Mr Hague. The final choice for MPs whose candidate has not made it to

four candidates is not a clear-cut

the final round will come down to a halance between suspicion of Mr Clarke's views on Europe and recognation of his ability to revive the Tories' electoral fortunes with the public. But the Tories' strange rules unnecessarily complicate this

PETER RIDDELL

# Major accuses Blair of breaking promise over devolution Bill

By James Landale, political reporter

JOHN MAJOR forced Tony Blair onto the defensive yesterday over the Government's

plans for devolution. In a combative performance at Prime Ministers' Questions. Mr Major accused Mr Blair of reneging on a promise to publish the Scottish devolu-tion Bill before a referendum on the changes is held. Intervening an unprecendented five times in the second of the new-style Question Times, Mr Major was cheered by Tory MPs as he accused Mr Blair of arrogance and contempt for

He claimed that Mr Blair had promised last month that the devolution Bill would be published before the referendum this autumn.

However, the Government is promising to publish only a White Paper — a formal policy document — on devolution before the referendum. The Tories believe that voters should be asked to consider the actual Bill, rather than a policy document that can be changed later.

Mr Major quoted a response Mr Blair gave to a question during the Queen's Speech debate last month. Asked by Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, when the Bill would be published, Mr Blair told MPs: Of course, the Bill will be

published in time for the referendum."

Last night government sources said that Mr Blair had made a slip of the tongue and had meant to say that the White Paper would be published before the referendum.

But in rowdy exchanges in the Commons, Mr Major asked Mr Blair if he had changed his mind. "And if you have changed your mind, why didn't you have the courtesy to come and tell the House? The distinction between the White Paper and the Bill will be well understood by the House and you. "Wasn't it a matter of trust that you told us?"

Mr Blair said that the position was clear. "The White Paper proposals . . . will be put to a referendum of the Scottish people. That is entirely sensible since it is only after the referendum has given an affirmative answer that it is sensible to draw up the Bill, so we have the details of the Bill properly debated in this House. That is plainly the sensible way to proceed." He added: "We said right

through the election that the White Paper proposals will be there so that everybody in Scotland and Wales knows precisely what is being contemplated."

Mr Major accused Mr Blair "both wriggling and wobbling". He said: "Isn't the truth that the details of this policy are still in such a muddle that you cannot yet give detailed instructions to the draftsmen?"

"Why don't you admit that you made a mistake in the past and the Bill isn't ready? Why don't you admit you've been caught with your fingers in the till, oratorically. You promised the Bill and you can't deliver the Bill."

The Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill was expected to complete its final Commons stages last night before heading to the Lords.

🗆 Scots will vote in favour of devolution by a ratio of three to one, according to a System Three poll published in The Herald yesterday. It is the first opinion poll to use the same two questions that the Government proposes to ask in September: I am/am not in favour a Scottish Parliament. I am/am not in favour of tax raising powers.

Sixty-four per cent voted for home rule with 21 per cent against and 15 per cent undecided. But there was less support for a parliament with tax-raising powers: 53 per cent for, 28 per cent against and 19 per cent undecided.

More than 1.000 voters in 40 Scottish constituencies were

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Presidential style: Cherie and Tony Blair on their way to the state opening of Parliament

### Labour accused over 'First Lady'

A TURY MP provoked uproar in the Commons yester-day when he attacked government ministers for describing Tony Blair's wife as Britain's First Lady (James

Landale writes). To Labour cries of "shame". David Wilshire, MP for Spelthorne, urged the Prime Minister to tell his ministers to stop what he called "this arrogant practice".

Mr Blair denied that his wife, Cherie, was described as the First Lady and insisted that politicians' wives should be kept out of politics.

Mr Wilshire asked: "When President Clinton and a real First Lady had dinner with you last Thursday rather than at Buckingham Palace, did you take that opportunity to explain why Members of Her Majesty's Government have taken to referring to the wife of the British Prime Minister

as Britain's First Lady?" The unarticulated implication was that only the Queen could be referred to as the

As one Labour MP shouted "cheap and nasty." Mr Blair replied that the Tory party had clearly not improved in Opposition. He said he knew of no one referring to his wife as the First Lady and added: "In relation to insulting the wives of politicians whether they are here or abroad, the more they are kept out of the whole thing the better."

### Meacher attacks 'selfish' oil giants

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

THE junior Environment Minister, Michael Meacher, attacked some of the big oil and coal companies yesterday for undermining efforts to tackle global warming. He accused the Global Climate Coalition. which includes Texaco and Exxon, of putting their own interests before the planet by spreading disinfor-mation and peddling dubious science that says global warm-

ing is a myth. Speaking in advance of the G8 and United Nation's special general assembly later this month where global warming is high on the agen-da, Mr Meacher said climate change posed real threats that we cannot ignore and cannot be allowed to ignore". Britain will be pressing the United States, the world's biggest polluter, whose attempts to reduce emissions have spectacularly failed, to show more leadership and commitment.

Mr Meacher, speaking at a meeting on climate change organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature, said the companies in the coalition faced becoming the industrial dinosaurs of the 21st century. "In the long term those companies may find that they will miss out on the commercial opportunities that will arise from new technologies and other developments." he said.

Mr Meacher contrasted the stance of many oil and coal companies with that of BP. whose group chief executive John Browne recently accepted that action to curb global warming was prudent. BP, which last year withdrew from the Coalition, has also announced plans to boost its production of solar power which the minister applauded.

### IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: Trade and Industry questions; Education (Schools)

### Would-be **Tory MPs** face new hurdle

By James Landale

THE Tories yesterday effectively sacked their 600-strong pool of potential parliamentary candidates as part of an overhaul of the way the party

chooses its MPs.
Party chiefs "terminated" the current list of approved candidates and urged them to reapply under tougher rules designed to prove their commitment to the party. Many candidates have been on the list for ten years and Tory officials are keen to open the way for people from a wider range of society, especially women and members of the

Potential MPs have to get on the approved list before they can stand for selection in constituencies. The list has never been gutted in this way. list will also be reviewed at the end of each Parliament so that weak candidates can be "culled", officials said. A new department will be employed

ethnic minorities.

Under the scheme, some high-calibre candidates on the old list will be put on the new list. Others will be reinterviewed or face a full selection board again. Some will he rejected automatically. New candidates will be

to carry out the review.

judged on their "calibre. record and commitment" to the party. This means potential candidates will have to show how much work they have done on the ground. during and after the election. Local party chairmen and agents will be asked to report on how well candidates on the list who stood at the election fought for their seat

The changes were agreed by Tory Central Office with the National Union, the voluntary wing which represents Tory associations. Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, said: "It has become clear that the approved list has become filled up with a number of people who no longer seriously wish to pursue a parliamentary career."

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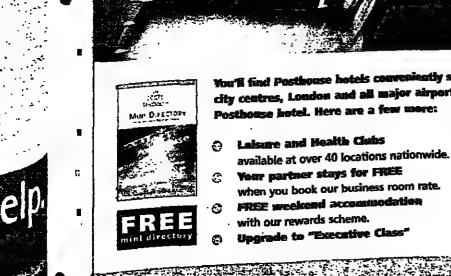
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### Jury told to forget football loyalties

By LIN JENKINS

POTENTIAL jurors in the retrial of three footballers and a businessman accused of match-fixing were told yester-day not to allow footballing loyalties to influence the

The four women and eight men who were selected at Winchester Crown Court to try the case were given strict instructions not to be influ-enced by the fame of John Fashanu, the former Aston Villa striker and now host of the TV show Gladiators. Bruce Grobbelaar, the former Liverpool and Wimbledon goalkeeper, and Hans Segers. the former Wimbledon keeper. The fourth defendant is Heng Suan Lim. a Malaysian

Mr Justice McCullough told the jurors that they must not come into contact with the defendants or their families and for that purpose would leave court by a separate entrance at different times.

He also said that the jury must not speculate on why a previous panel failed to reach a verdict and must have no contact with any members of

the previous jury. Fashanu, 33, Segers, 34, and Mr Lim. 30, deny conspiring to give and corruptly to accept money to influence or attempt to influence the autcome of football matches between February 1991 and November 1994. Grobbelaar. 39. Fashanu and Mr Lim deny an identical charge between November 1992 and November 1994. Grobbelaar also denies accepting £2,000 as an inducement for match-fixing.

# Editor faces charge of inciting anglers to kill cormorants

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

Angling Times, Britain's bestselling fishing newspaper, is to appear in court on two charges of incitement to kill

It is thought to be the first time that anyone has been prosecuted for inciting an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. If guilty, he faces a maximum fine of E8,000.

The charges arise out of an article on December 4 last year in the weekly newspaper, which has a circulation of \$5,000 among Britain's three million anglers. The article reported the activities of an unnamed fishery owner who had taken the law into his own hands. Beside a front-page headline, "These Birds Must Be Killed", the paper carried a photograph of a masked man with a gun next to four dead

Keith Higginbottom, editor from July 1991 until May 8 this year, has been summoned before Peterborough magistrates on July 11. News of the prosecution broke as the paper celebrated a decision by Brussels to end the protection cormorants enjoy under European Union law.

The Brussels decision will not affect the protected status of cormorants in Britain, but will intensify demands by the angling lobby for national law

FORMER editor of the to be changed. Fisheries' managers want to be able to shoot the birds on sight.

Cambridgeshire police said yesterday that Mr Higginbottom had been charged with incitement to commit the intentional taking, killing, injuring of any wild bird", and incitement to commit the use of prohibited articles and methods to kill birds".

The Angling Times said it was very surprised by the charges. "We have never urged the public to take the law into its own hands, but have campaigned to have the law changed so that appropriate measures can be taken."

It added: "The Angling



Higginbottom: has since left the Angling Times

Times took the view, and still supports the view, that cormorants are doing major ecological damage to European fish stocks and the aquatic environment in general and that something must be done to limit their numbers.

It said Mr Higginbottom's departure as editor was based purely on the offer of a better

The Brussels decision was taken under the Birds Directive, The British representative voted with the majority to end the protected status of the cormorant

The decision affects only the main continental sub-species the bird, Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis, which is different from the coastal cormo-rant found in Britain, Phalacrocorax carbo carbo. The continental bird has increased from 5,000 pairs in 1079 to more than 100,000 today and is no longer considered endangered.

Cormorants have taken thousands of fish from Lord Lloyd-Webber's lake at Sydmonton Court, on the Hampshire-Berkshire border near Newbury. Just 250 carp remain out of 7,500. Fishermen in Berkshire say the cormorants are being driven inland because coastal waters are polluted and over-fished.

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Anglers blame the cormorant, a legally protected bird, for damaging fish stocks

### vientists f **British** Museum plans to scare up support

By Dalya Alberge

THE bandaged mummies which, according to horror films, creak open their sarcophagi at night and turch down the corridors of the British Museum may have to watch where they step in future. The floor around their coffins could be covered with children who have taken up the museum's challenge to spend a night sleeping in the

Egyptian galleries.
Then again, youngsters asleep under an Aziec skull in the Museum of Mankind could be given a shove by the ghost of a 19th-century clerk who wanders the corridors pushing people who get in his way. If they can get to sleep over the noise of ghostly footsteps and the creak of the front door opening when everybody knows it's locked, they might be wakened by a young boy who asks for directions to a rectory that has not existed since the 1960s.

The haunting "Sleepovers" plan to have children bring their sleeping bags to the museum has been dreamt up to attract young people to join the British Museum Society. The cost of a night beside a mummy is £20 for children. £18 for adults, and the first one is being held in November.

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Surprisingly, there are no ghosts associated with exhibits; most seem to be former members of staff. "No mummies or ancient Roman soldiers," said one scholar. On the whole, the museum's ghosts tend not to be adventurous: they primarily haunt the basements and attics, although several members of staff have also seen an elderly gentleman and a woman who walk along an inner road, a non-public open area: it is thought that he is a former keeper with his wife or daughter. The spooky part of the story is that they are seen only from the calves upwards from the level at which the road used to be before it was

☐ The Society can be contacted through Sarah Carthew. Head of British Museum Society, Great Russell St. London, WCI.

# Fall in pollution cases could be linked to drought

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

A WATER company is prosecuted for polluting rivers and waterways once a fortnight, the Environment Agency said

Last year, however, the number of pollution cases in England and Wales from agriculture, heavy industry and water firms fell for the first time since 1989, says its report, Water Pollution Incidents in England and Wales 1996.

The improvement is echoed in another report, also published today, showing an increase in the number of

beaches meeting the prestigious European Blue Flag standard. The Tidy Britain Group said that 38 beaches could now fly the blue flag compared with 18 last year.

The Environment Agency said that while the drop in waterway pollution incidents was welcome, the improvements may be due in part to the drought, with less pollution being washed into rivers and streams. The agency also remains concerned about the damage caused to fresh waters by water and sewage companies. "During the year there were between 25 and 30 prosecutions of water companies for pollution," the agency said. The number of incidents relating to the water industry and which require investigation by the agency is running at one a day.

Many of the more serious incidents, in which large numbers of fish die, a river becomes unpleasant for boaters and walkers, and wildlife is harmed, involve discharge of untreated sewage or excessive levels of chemicals from

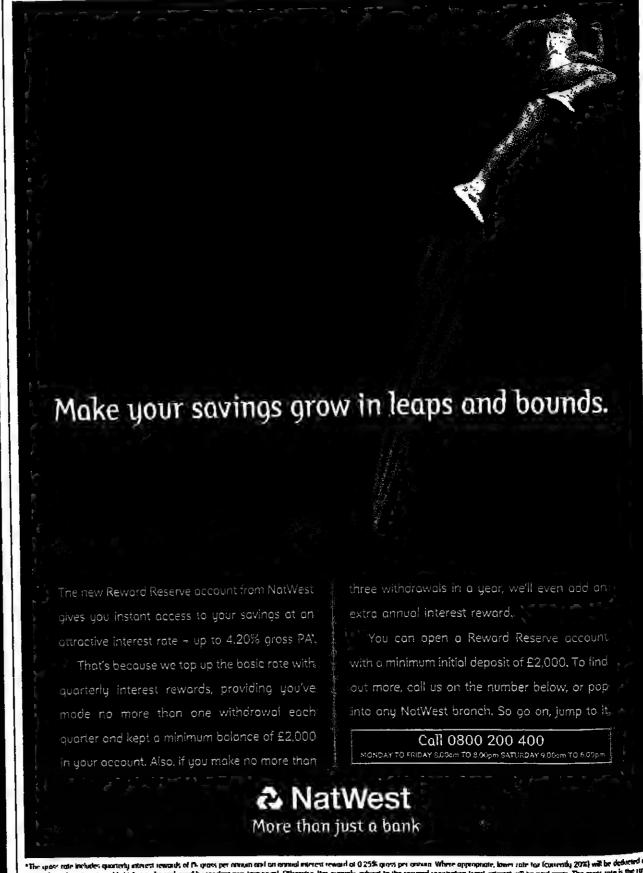
treatment works. The agency yesterday urged water companies to improve automatic monitoring systems at treatment works.

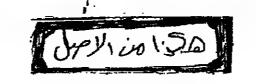
Last year, there were 32,409 pollution incidents reported to the agency, compared with 35,891 in 1995, a drop of 10 per cent. The agency said publicawareness campaigns, particularly on farms, had helped to reduce some types of incidents. However, pollution cases from lorries are on the increase, including spillages of milk, beer and diesel.

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An object one 25th the size of Earth may force astronomers to rethink history of our solar system

# Scientists find new planet beyond orbit of Neptune

ASTRONOMERS have discovered a mini-planet at the edge of the solar system which may change our thinking on how the planets evolved.

More than 300 miles in diameter, the planetesimal is the brightest object to be found beyond the orbit of Neptune since the discovery of Pluto in 1930.

Given the designation 19967 Las. the new object is probably one of many, according to its discoverers. Jane Lou of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusens, and colleagues. They say it is the first example of a new class of objects scattered throughout the outer solar system, whose total mass is between two and eight times greater than the mass of those in the Kuiper Belt, a swarm of bodies moving around the Sun in orbits beyond Neptune.

If so, the finding has imple-

cations for the history of the



The object is the brightest discovered beyond Neptune since Pluto, seen with its moon, was found in 1930

solar system because it suggests that the primordial mass of material spinning around the Sun, from which the planets condensed, must have been much more extensive and massive than previously

assumed. The mini-planet's highly el-

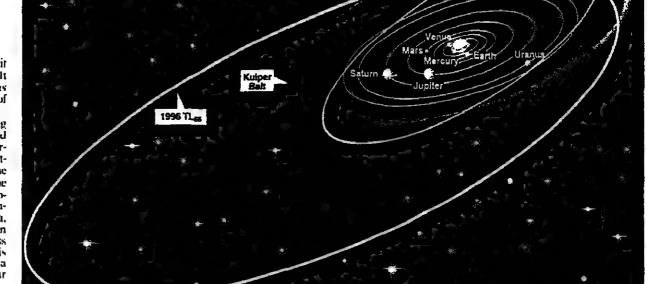
liptical orbit means that it spends most of its time way beyond the outer limits of the solar system, where it is too small to be visible. It can be seen only during the part of its

as the Earth is, placing it between Neptune and Pluto. It is roughly a fifth as large as Pluto, or one 25th the size of the Earth. The object was found using

a sensitive detector mounted on a telescope at the University of Hawaii, and a computer program to examine successive images of the same region and detect moving objects. It was found after scanning only a very small area. suggesting, the team says in Nature magazine, that "unless we are improbably lucky, it is merely the first detected of a larger population of similar

There are likely to be at least 800 such objects and perhaps as many as 6,400, the team calculates, must of which will he too small to be visible.

The origin of the object appears to have been the Kuiper Belt. David Hewin and Dr Lun, who are both involved in the discovery



that have been found subsequently, occupy near-circular

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orbits around the Sun. Even further out, beyond the limits of the solar system. there is a second belt of

objects, the Oort cloud, from which comets originate. This new planetesimal be-

been in the Kuiper Belt, but was perturbed by a close pass by Neptune or by another planetesimal, and placed in its present ecominic arbit. The new object will be given

that it may originally have

a name, chosen by the discov-

previously identified object. The names are judged by a nine-person panel of professional astronomers called the Small Bodies Names Committee of the International Astronomical Union.

While many discoverers

not frowned upon. A minor planet found in 1972 is called Pele, for example, while others are called Nefertiti. Don Quixote, Magellan and Pocahontas. A dozen have been named after our stars; all The Beatles are included, as well as Eric Clapton, Mike Oldfield and

### Experts say giant lasers can trigger nuclear weapons

By Nigel Hawkes

GIANT lasers GIANT lasers powerful enough to set off nuclear bombs may be a threat to world peace, scientists have claimed.

Lasers being developed by France and America may lead to devices able to ignite thermonuclear explosions without the need for a lission trigger such as uranium-235, according to two Nobel prizewinners.

The work, at the American National Ignition Facility, and its French equivalent, the Megajoules laser near Bordeaux, could be used to develop more sophisticated nuclear weapons, they say.

mer Director of the UK's Culham Laboratory, told the Institute of Physics journal Opto & Laser Europe: They have the potential for develop-ing weapons. I am worried that hitherto it has not been possible to make fusion explosions other than with a uranium-235 trigger. If you can make explosions without a fission trigger, there could be a development of a new range of

fearful things."
The US facility, in California, will consist of 192 separate laser beams that can be con-centrated on pellets made from deuterium and tritium, forms of hydrogen. It will be able to achieve such enormous temperatures and pressures that the atoms will fuse together, as in a hydrogen bomb.

The French device will have 240 beams and, like the American one, is designed for research into nuclear fusion. The teams say the devices will enable research to continue to ensure the effectiveness of nuclear weapons without the need for actual tests.

Both have a peaceful application, since they may provide a way of making fusion power controllable. But Dr Richard Garwin, an IBM scientist and weapons expert who has cowritten a book on the subject. told OLE the facilities were "far more relevant to the maintenance of technical expertise and interest among

are to the preservation of safe and reliable weapons of existing types".
Professor Joseph Rotblat, British Nobel Peace Prize winner, says: "The public's attention should be drawn to this military aspect and a cam-

paign started to prevent it." Both lasers will have beams up to 200 metres long and an experimental chamber the size of a four-storey house, so the idea of using them to trigger a nuclear bomb appears im-practical. But lessons learnt might be applied to much more compact devices. If they became practical, it would make the spread of nuclear weapons much easier, because it would no longer be necessary to enrich uranium to create a fission trigger.



### Rival flying clubs hit by turbulence

BY PAUL WILKINSON

RIVAL flyers are fighting for the skies over an airfield once used to train Spitfire pilots for the Battle of Britain. The runway has now been divided down the middle so the two factions can take off and land

independently. The dispute stems from a split three years ago in the Northumbrian Microlights Club. The two sides have not spoken since Steve Clareheugh, the club founder, left . in 1994 and set up a club with the same name a few yards

The old club, renamed Eshott Flying Club, after the airfield in Northumberland, has even dismissed members who joined the new rival. Eshott's fliers refuse to acknowledge Mr Clareheugh as they taxi on parallel runways 20 yards apart. Members of the rival clubs who have known each other since child-

hood no longer communicate. In the latest incident, Eshott has objected to Castle Morpeth Council over Northumbrian's application for permanent permission to fly from the divided runway.

saying that a shared runway is unsafe. The British Microlight Aircraft Association is now trying to bring them together. Jim Bell, its chief executive, who wants to call in an independent arbitrator, said: "I would be happy if the problems up there did not exist. We are looking into this question of memberships being terminated."

Mr Clareheugh said: "The whole thing has become ridiculous. Lifelong friendships are being broken up. People have been leaving Eshott to come to me and they don't like it."

Frank Godfrey is one of seven Eshott fliers with joint membership who have been told their loyalty to the rival club had created a conflict of interest and membership would not be renewed unless they quit Northumbrian.

Ken Southam, 64, the Eshott chairman, said: "People cannot support him and be a member of the club opposing him. Having two clubs so close is unsafe. We have no objection to another airfield in Northumberland."



Offers subject to availability.

# Ploughing a new furrow

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

JACK CUNNINGHAM has promised to reform the Ministry of Agriculture from the secretive and out-of-touch department that he believes it

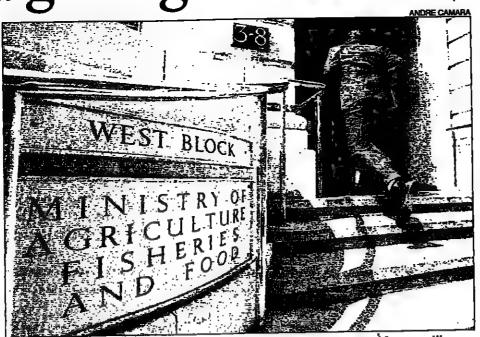
"What I see here is a department which has not moved with the times, which has been for a variety of reasons rather embattled and inward-looking and not consumer or user friendly," he said. "I am determined to change all that."

It would not be the first time that a new Agriculture Minister has breezed in promising to put consumers first and to stir up the feather-hedded world of farming. Most retire hurt or else go native, a fate that could still overtake Dr

Cunningham.

One of new Labour's most seasoned old hands. Dr Cunningham was not an obvious choice for the agriculture job. He had been expecting National Heritage, which he had shadowed for the past two years. Butif he was dismayed to inherit the domain of the hapless Douglas Hogg, he

does not show it. He has thrown himself into his job with enthusiasm. Apart from taking time off to watch his favourite team. Newcastle United, beat Arsenat at Highbury on the day of his appointment he has "not



Jack Cunningham promises to open ministry doors to consumers and farmers alike

stopped working". Between shuttling to and from Brussels . relics of the cosy relationship to discuss fish and beef, he has abolished nine regional advisory panels, consisting mostly of farmers, which had existed in one form or another since

the Second World War. The decision was taken without consulting the National Farmers' Union, whose president. Sir David Naish, was too surprised to do more than bleat plaintively about the "loss of this useful channel of communication". Dr Cun-

ningham saw the panels as between the ministry and farmers which he wants to destroy. "I want a more direct, open and accessible ministry. for consumers and farmers alike, and for all those who use, live and work in the countryside," he said. "This

can best be achieved through

direct contact with departmen-

tal Ministers." Dr Cunningham has told his three juniors, Jeff Rooker, Elliot Morley and Lord

Donoughue, to cultivate their own sources of information and opinion, assigning each to a different region.

Dr Cunningham plans to put a consumer representative on each of the myriad scientific committees that advise the ministry, and promises to publish promptly all the advice he gets. Officials have been set to work on a "mission statement" and on a new name for the ministry, to reflect the more open and less farmer-driven culture that Dr

Cunningham aims to pro-mote. He has been MP since 1970, representing a a mainly rural and farming constituency in Cumbria, and has little time for his party's anti-hunting zealots. "The Government has no policy on hunting," he said, "If a Bill were introduced, it would be a matter for a free vote."

The most ambitious project on his agenda is establishing an independent Food Standards Agency to take over much of the ministry's work in ensuring food safety. He says that the only reason it was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech is that the blueprint for the new body, a report by Professor Philip James of the Rowett Research Institute, was not received until the day Mr Blair entered No 10.

"We accept the broad thrust of the report and there will be a completely freestanding, independent agency with executive powers," Consultation will be completed later this month and there will be a White Paper and draft legislation by the

He agrees that reforming the Ministry of Agriculture. notorious for its inertia, will not be easy. "It is one of the reasons I have been sent here, to take these people on, if you like. Not that they are being difficult - no one is dragging their feet. I am not going to allow anyone to drag their



### MINISTRY TEAM

JACK CUNNINGHAM, Minister of Agriculture,

eries and Food. Trim 57-year-old. Father a trade union boss in North East. Educated Jarrow Grammar School and Durham University (PhD in chemistry). Energy Minister (1976-79) under Callagnan. Since 1983 MP for Copeland, in Cumbria (Whitehaven 1970-83). Shadow Foreign Secretary (1992-94), Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary (1994-95) and Shadow Heritage Secretary (1995-97). Likes fell walking, gardening and fly-fishing. Taste for fast cars (fined £150 for doing 103mph in 1989).

JEFFREY ROOKER, Minister of State Pugnacious, 56-year-old Brummie. MP since 1974 for Perry Barr, the mixed suburban-inner city constituency where he was born. Degrees in engineering and industrial relations from Aston and Warwick. Deputy Shadow Leader of the Commons (1994-97). No previous interest in faming. Cunningham's deputy with responsibility for food safety. Reputation as unclubbable puritan. Hobbies include fell walking and cooking.



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ELLIOT MORLEY, Parliamentary Secretary
Large, affable, bearded, media-friendly Liverpudian, aged 44. Father an ambulance driver. Trained as teacher and headed a department at Greatfield High School, Hull (1979-87). Since 1987 MP for Scunthorpe, mixed rura-Hindustrial seat on Humberside. Responsible for fisheries and countryside, areas he shadowed in Opposition, Knowledgeable birdwatcher and leading anti-hunting crusader.

LORD DONOUGHUE, Parliamentary Secretary Sport-loving, cerebral 62-year-old. Grammar school boy with philosophy doctorate from Oxford. Lecturer at LSE (1963-74). Senior policy adviser to Wilson and Callaghan (1974-79). Times leader writer (1981-82). Life peer since 1985. Intellectual heavyweight with remit to think the unthinkable about future subsidies and the EU's common agricultural policy. Given new title of Minister for Farming and the Food Industry.



JOHN HOME ROBERTSON, Parliamentary Private Secreta Wealthy, Roman Catholic, Border Scots socialist laird, aged 49. Owns 800-acre farm in Berwickshire. Educated at Ampleforth College and West of Scotland College of Agriculture. MP for East Lothian since 1983. Opposition agriculture spokesman 1984-87, 1988-90. Dropped as Scottish housing spokesman in 1988 for sympathising with non-payment of poll tex.

RICHARD PACKER, Permanent Secretary Top civil servent at MAFF. Three other Agriculture Ministers have already come and gone during his tenure. Still has seven years to go before retirement at 60. Joined MAFF straight from Manchester University where he read science. Formidable operator with vast knowledge of highly technical subject. Unlikely to acquiesce quietly in emasculation of Ministry to which he has devoted his life. Lists "living intensely" as recreation in Who's Who.



THE WALKER AND CATHY McGLYNN, special advisers
Tim Walker, 33: been with Dr Cunningham since 1995. Degree in science from Menchester University. Previously public relations manager at Royal Academy of Engineering. Cathy McGlynn, 29: adviser to Cunningham since 1993. Previously worked as researcher for late John Smith and in the European Parliement. Degree in government from Essex University.

# The In-Tray

Lying in wait in Dr Cunningham's in-tray were some of the most intractable problems Interited by the new Government. Illtile ticking time bombs", as he describes them Ticking most loudly are fish and beef, two of the issues that have most poisoned relations between Britain and the rest of the European Union, Dr Cunningham believes that solutions are more likely to be found by avoiding the

bluff and bluster" of the previous.

Murmungs of discontent among tistiermen threaten to turn into open street and port protests if no satisfactory deal is struck at the EU summit on quote hopping later this month

This is the practice whereby some 160 foreign-owned boats, mainly Spanish and Dutch have been able to catch fish allocated to the British fleet by buying up British fishing ficences and registering in Britain, They take about a quarter of the national catch. Fishermen want the Rome Treaty amended to allow Britain to pan quota hopping. The previous Government had promised to veto other decisions at Amsterdum unless this was 1

schieved Dr Cimningham dismisses such threats as "never-never land stuff". Instead the Government is hoping to ger permission to limit the impact of quotaproportion of their ratch at British poits and I to include a minimum percentage of British nationals in their crews.

This is utilikely to appears the fishing industry which is also facing cuts of up to 30 per cent in catches of some fish as part of an EU programme to conserve stocks. The cuts. already agreed in principle by the Tory Government and accepted as necessary by Dr Cumphigham, are due to start taking offect I later this year.

for all the talk of a fresh stort in Britains relations with the EU, an end to the beef ban is no nearer, and a new dispute is looming over exports of beef from other EU countries

The ban has been in force since March of last year when the previous Government admitted the probability of a link between imad now disease and a new strain of the human brain

Dr Curningham refuses to commit himself to nny target date for litting the barr, holding out only the prospect of "step-by-step" progress, possibly starting with beef from Northern

I freland, which is best able to guarantee BSE

Farmers, suffering from the lowest cattle prices in more than 15 years, are agitating for controls on beef imported from EU countries. I including Germany, which do not apply such I BSE saferguards as removing spinal cord from

Ell countries are suspected of under-reporting cases of BSE in their own herds, and Dr Cunningham is expected soon to receive somethic advice that imports of beer should be halted if not subjected to the same controls as in Britain. He has said he would act on I such advice if he south.

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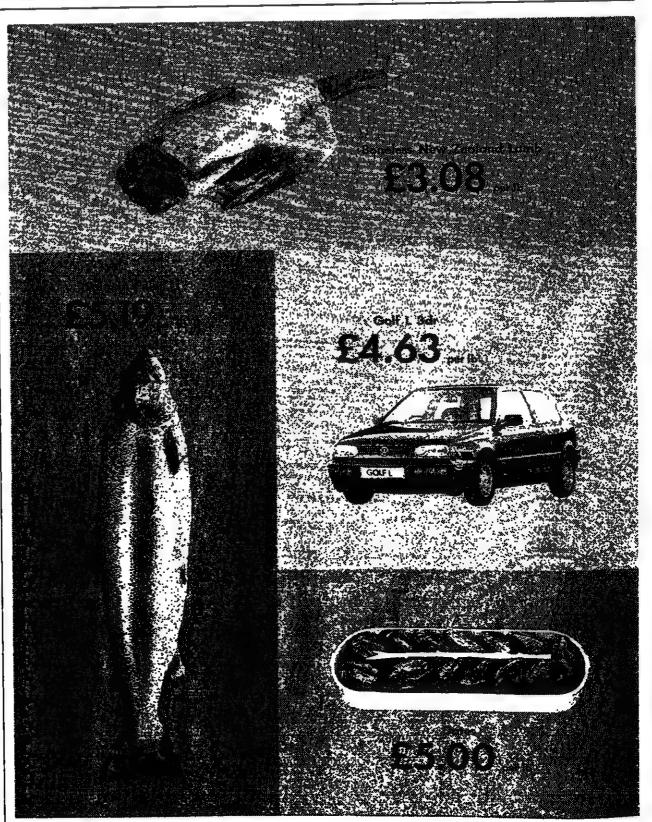
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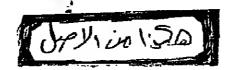
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BY BRONWEN MADDON

IN A high-risk move aimed at

deflecting allegations that

Democrats engaged in murky

fundraising practices, Presi-

dent Clinton will call for a ban

on "soft-money" donations to

"Soft money" refers to the

practice of giving funds to a

political party, a practice un-

regulated under present laws,

rather than to individual can-

didates, where the size and

source of donations is closely

Mr Clinton's formal appeal

to the Federal Election Com-

mission in the next few days to

plug the biggest loophole in

American campaign finance

laws will dismay many in his

own party who are struggling

to raise money for congressio-

nal elections next year.

Their ability to tap com-

panies and wealthy individ-

uals for support has already

been seriously undermined by

the fundraising scandals sur-

rounding the Democrats since

Mr Clinton's re-election last

November. He hopes that his

move will help to repair his

reputation for probity in cam-

paign fundraising. But lead-

ing Republicans believe that it

may backfire by turning even

more attention onto Demo-

It emerged yesterday that

Mr Clinton had met Roger

Tamraz, a controversial oil

financier who donated about

\$200,000 (£120,000) to the

cratic fundraising practices

political parties.

# Women condemn threat to explore Jones's sexual past

FROM TOM REIODES IN WASHINGTON

FEMINIST and women's groups in America, long silent over the Paula Jones suit against President Clinton, yesterday condemned the White House for threatening to explore her sexual history.

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The National Organisation of Women (NOW), the Feminist Majority and the Women's Legal Defence Fund were developing a legal strategy to shield Mrs Jones and all women who file sexual harassment claims from having their pasts revealed in court. Mrs Jones, 30, a former

Arkansas state employee, is seeking \$700,000 (£430,000) in damages for defamation and violation of her civil rights. She alleges that Mr Clinton saw her working at a Governor's management conference in Little Rock in 1991, sent a state trooper to escort her to his hotel room and demanded that she perform oral sex. Mr Clinton has said he has no memory of either Mrs Jones or

The Supreme Court ruled last week that Mrs Jones could proceed with her case while Mr Clinton was still in office, prompting widespread speculation about whether he would become the first President to face such an action.

Bob Bennett, his personal lawyer, has since said that he will make an issue of Mrs Jones's sexual history should she decide to continue the suit. "It is such a clear effort to intimidate and it is particular-



Jones: claims her civil rights were violated

offensive in this context." said Patricia Ireland, the NOW president. "I think her previous sexual history has absolutely no relevance to her claims against the President."

Ms Ireland lambasted Mr Bennett for sounding like a lawyer from the 1960s who would claim that a woman should never dare challenge such a high-powered official as the President.

The potential discussion of Mrs Jones's background, she said, would only be relevant in deciding the financial damages against Mr Clinton.

'In that case, it might mutter more if she were known as Snow White and her name were dragged through the mud rather than someone who had no reputation to lose," she said. She said that the White House tactics could

alienate women who have always viewed Mr Clinton as a supporter of feminist issues. He is, after all, the first President to have been elected with such crucial support from women," she said, "And his natural constituency is ing to be turned off by these The Jones team has always maintained that its dient has merely wanted her day in court to restore her good

three years in which her name has been cited in the tabloids. The White House had no comment yesterday on the sudden backlash by women's groups. Mr Bennett has said that the President will offer no apology, a prerequisite of any out-of-court settlement, and maintains he has received instructions from Mr Clinton

name. Since the high court

decision, however, they have

hinted that she would also

require some financial settle-

ment to compensate for the

kinds of attacks."

that is what she wants. Lawyers for Mrs Jones, an evangelist's daughter from Lonoke, Arkansas, have said they will probably subpoena other women reported to have been propositioned by Mr Clinton during his time as Governor of Arkansas.

that the case will go ahead if

Combined with the testimony of state troopers, the lawyers are planning to establish a highly embarrassing "pat-



Ehud Barak, with his wife Nava, pays homage to Rabin by placing a stone on his predecessor's grave

### Rabin's successor vows fight for peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

EHUD BARAK, the new leader of Israel's main opposition Labour Party, yesterday chose the graveside of the assassinated Prime Minister, Vitzhak Rabin, to pledge a continuation of his mentor's struggle for

Speaking hours after the final count had confirmed a sweeping 51 per cent of the vote, nearly twice that of his closest rival, Mr Barak - Israel's most decorated

soldier - threw down a gauntlet to the ruling right-wing Government, whose policies have put the peace process on hold. "Yirzhak was my commander for decades, my mentor - I dare to say my friend in the last 30 years," said the new Labour leader, who most party members judged as the only contender with a chance of unseating Binyamin Netanyahu in 2000.

Within hours of replacing Shimon Peres, 73, Labour's lame-duck leader since his defeat by Mr Netanyahu last May. Mr Barak pledged in a lighting speech that he would be pressing to bring the next general election forward. He was boosted by an opinion poll giving him 44 per cent of the national vote, against 39 per cent for Mr Netanyahu.

Mr Barak's victory was seen heralding a new era of Israeli politics. On the key Palestinian issue, Mr Barak made clear that, unlike Mr Netanyahu, he is prepared to envisage a Palestinian state on some of the land conquered by Israel in

Democratic Party, and discussed his plans for a new pipeline, despite vigorous warnings from senior officials that Mr Tamraz should be kept out of the White House. Mr Tamraz, a Lebanese-American, is wanted in Leba-

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non on an international warrant for embezzling more than \$150 million from a bank, charges that he denies.

He wanted Administration support for a pipeline from the Caspian Sea to Turkey, and was invited to at least four fundraising events last year despite warnings from National Security Council aides his relationship with the White House to his business partners. Under Mr Clinton's proposals, many "soft-money" donations like those of Mr Tamraz would be barred.

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### Oprah faces a \$6.7m beef

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

OPRAH WINFREY, the television talk-show host, is facing a \$6.7 million (£4.) million) lawsuit for "disparaging" the US cattle industry.

Ms Winfrey has been sued rancher, for remarks she made last year about bovine spongiform encephalopathy ad cow disease" one of her talk shows. "It has just stopped me

from eating another burger," Ms Winfrey exclaimed on air. seconds after her talk-show guest, a vegetarian activist, had asserted that "mad cow disease could make Aids look like a common cold" in America. The disease was then at its height in Britain.

show, broadcast minutes before trading started in cattle futures at Chicago's Mercantile Exchange, caused shares in his firm to dip so sharply that he lost \$6.7 million. He

wants Ms Winfrey and the activist to compensate him. Exchange records do show that prices dropped sharply. and Mr Engler has no doubt the influential Ms Winfrey was to blame. The day is now referred to in cattle market circles as the "Oprah crash".

ute - the Faise Disparage ment of Perishable Food Products Act -- which critics believe violates the constitutional right to free speech.



Oprah: off burgers

### US seeks to clip BA's wings FROM BRONWEN MADDOX round trips — than Britain son, chairman of Virgin Atlan-

IN WASHINGTON

RICHARD BRANSON and Sir Freddie Laker yesterday received an unexpected boost from a Senate report in their attempt to block or curtail the proposed British Airways-

The General Accounting Office. Congress's research arm. was expected to recommend yesterday that other US airlines receive more Heathrow slots — allowing at least 23

has suggested. Britain's former Conserva-

tive government recommended 12 round trips. American officials were hoping yesterday that the Blair Government might take a more aggressive stance towards

Under the existing treaty and Heathrow restrictions. only four airlines can fly from America to Heathrow: British Airways, American. United and Virgin Atlantic. Mr Bran-

tic Airways, and Sir Freddie, of Laker Airways - due to give evidence to the Senate yesterday - fear the alliance, which could control 60 per cent of the market, will squeeze out competition and push up prices.

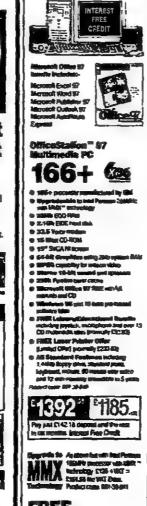
they would accept the former Conservative government's Commission, which must approve the deal, wants more slots for competitors.

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# Jospin draws up his daring Cabinet in pink, red and green

LIONEL JOSPIN, the new French Prime Minister, last night named a government marked by an unlikely combination of pro-European So-cialists and anti-Maastricht campaigners from the hard Left.

M Jospin's first Cabinet, which contains seven women, was designed to revolutionise the macho world of French politics and ap-pease German fears that he will

give jobs to all the components of the "rainbow alliance" could lead to many months of uncertainty for France and its European parners.

The Prime Minister will need to show skill and authority to stamp a clear political line on a government made up of three Communists, a Green and an array of 23 Socialists and leftwingers from fringe parties, who are themselves divided over Europe.

In a sign that he intends to join the single currency, M Jospin gave the post of Foreign Minister to ciate of the late President Mitterrand, who was one of the main architects of the Maastricht treaty. M Vedrine, a former diplomat, will have to "cohabit" with such figures as Jean-Pierre Chevenement. 58, who left the Socialist Party to campaign against European integration. He was made Interior

Minister. The Communist Party is equally certain to maintain its hostility to Maastricht despite its announcement yesterday that it had accepted three ministerial posts. The Communists, entering government for the first time in 13 years, said they had received a "satisfactory" response to their demand for wage ises for the low paid.

Marie-George Buffet, 48. an ally of the Communist leader, Robert Hue, is France's new Sports Minister, Jean-Claude Gayssot, 52, is Transport Minister, and Michelle Demessine, 49, becomes Junior Minister for Tourism. Dominique Voynet, 38, leader of the French Green Party, completed the "rose, rouge, vert" government when she accepted the job of Environment

Cabinet in which women have more than a token presence for the

first time in French history. Martine Aubry, 46, daughter of Jacques Delors, the former European Commission President, was appointed as Employment Minister and deputy leader of the Government Catherine Traut-mann, 47, the Mayor of Strasbourg, was named as Culture Minister, and Elisabeth Guigou, 50, the former European Affairs Minister, becomes Justice Minister. However, the power base

within government could lie with three of M Jospin's closest allies. who were all given key posts. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, 47, an economics professor, was made Finance Minister, Claude Allegre, 60, Education Minister, and Daniel Vaillant, 46, is charged with overseeing relations between the Government and the National Assembly.

Gaullist revolt: President Chirac's troubles deepened yesterday as Alain Juppe, his former Prime Minister and right-hand man, faced a powerful rebellion likely to

indirect attack on the President, Philippe Seguin and Edouard Balladur both signalled their inten-tion to replace M Juppe as presi-dent of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR). M Seguin is the air vow ohl for some Euro

M Juppė, who has been blamed for the Centre Right's defeat on Sunday, bowed to internal critics yesterday when he agreed to create a "collegiate" system at the head of the RPR. The move is almost certain to presage his dismissal before the end of the year.

# Chancellor is left badly bruised in battle over gold

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL'S Government narrowly escaped dis-Waigel, the embattled Finance Minister, survived a hotly debated no-confidence motion by a margin of 17 votes. But, despite the German

Chancellor's confidently declared commitment to European economic and monetary union, there was no disguising that the Bonn Government has been badly bruised, "We are watching the end of the Kohi era." said Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democratic

parliamentary leader.

"A herd of dancing elephants in a porcelain shop would have caused less damage than you and your Gov-ernment." said Josehka Fischer, the Green Party leader.

Herr Kohl - who had cancelled a trip to Paris for the emergency debate — tried to boost the fighting spirit of his demoralised backbenchers with a blistering attack on the Opposition. His full-bodied support probably helped Herr Waigel in the confidence vote 328 deputies supported him against 311 opponents — but more damning was an opinion poll showing that one in two Germans favours the

Finance Minister's dismissal. At issue was Herr Waigel's handling of the Bundesbank gold reserves, which he wants to revalue. The windfall profits were supposed to ease the crisis. After negotiations on Monday

with Herr Waigel, the Bundes-bank appeared to have softresistance, but it has forced the Government to forgo any 1997 profits. The point was to banish all suspicion of "creative accounting" on the road to EMU, 1997 being the critical

assessment year. Herr Kohl, waving off opposition heckling in a debate unruly by German standards, said the country would pull

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out all the stops to meet the Maastricht public deficit goal of 3 per cent of gross domestic product. Although the phraswas familiar, stressing the punctual start of EMU and strict adherence to the entry criteria, the emphasis was plainly on sticking to the 1999 start-up date.

"This is a historical chance." he said. "A chance that will not be repeated. I will do everything in my power to keep to the time plan and the criteria. I warn those who think that the problems would become ernment of a "fire sale".

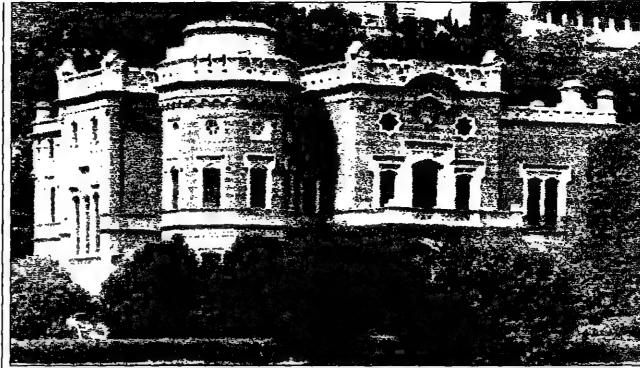
easier after delaying monetary union." Delay, he said, would have a destructive impact on Germany's export markets and on employment. Yet Herr Waigel's budget-

ary mess — he has to plug a DM19 billion (E7 billion) shortfall in the 1997 budget shows how difficult meeting the Maastricht targets has

The Finance Minister has already abandoned any pretence that he can achieve the total public debt goal of 60 per cent of GDP — it will be significantly over 61 per cent with an upward tendency and is hoping that allowance will be made for the special debt burden imposed by unification. The 3 per cent deficit goal, however, remains part of Bonn's official credo, to keep other EMU candidates true to fiscal rectitude.

Herr Waigel said that he would speed privatisation of Telekom. motorway restaurants and airport property. and thus raise about DM10 billion. But those earnings cannot count in the EMU assessment. He also announced yesterday a strict capping of the budget: all ministerial expenditures of more than £340,000 will have to be approved by him.

The Chancellor said the Cabinet would decide soon whether a supplementary budget was needed. The Opposition accused the



The Villa Feltrinelli where Mussolini spent his final days and from which he tried to escape to Switzerland

### Duce's last home to become luxury hotel

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE villa on Lake Garda in which the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini spent his final days is to be turned into

Daniele Roscia, the Mayor of Brescia, said the Villa Feltrinelli at Gargnano was to become a 25-room hotel. He said he did not regard the villa's Fascist connections as "ghoulish", even though the doomed Mussolini lived there and installed his mistress. Clara Petacci. nearby. The pair tried to escape to Switter-land in April 1945, but were shot by partisans at a farmhouse on Lake Como and then hung upside down in a square in the centre of Milan.

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which once belonged to the

Feltrinelli publishing family. was sold in 1981 to a Brescia businessman who wants to capitalise on its position on the lake. Gargnano is now noted for its bathing and sailing facilities. But towards the end of 1943, as the Fascist regime crumbled and the Nazis occupied Rome, the

Republic of Salo. The once all-powerful Duce cut a reduced and rather pathetic figure at Gargnano, according to contemporary accounts. He was in effect a prisoner of the Germans, and subject to the Nazi governor-

town became the headquar-

ters of Mussolini's puppet

goverment, known as the

treated the Duce described him as a "ruin of a man".

The nearby villa where Vittoriale, had been given by Mussolini to the eccentric Fascist poet and pilot. Gabriele D'Annunzio, in 1925, partly because Mussolini saw D'Annunzio as a charismatic rival and wanted to exile him to the mountains. D'Annunzio conducted love affairs at the villa with a string of famous women, including the

actress Eleanora Duse. By coincidence it was also announced yesterday that another piece of Italy's history linked to the world of D'Annunzio and Duse the roman-



Mussolini: installed his mistress near by

### Russian roulette attack on trucker

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

FRENCH farmers played Russian roulette with a terrified Spanish lorry driver they suspected of carrying chean farm produce into the country. Miguel Trujillo, the driver, said he was surrounded by farmers who kicked and punched him as he prepared to leave a police checkpoint at L'Etrat, near Lyons. One produced a revolver, loaded it

against the driver's forehead and pulled the trigger.
"He fired twice. He was about to fire a third time when I managed to kick the gun out of his hands, break free and run," Señor Trujillo said. "I

vith a single bullet and spun

the chamber. He then held it

have never been so scared in He said that French checkpoint police made no attempt to stop the five attacking him. I thought that they would come and help me. But they

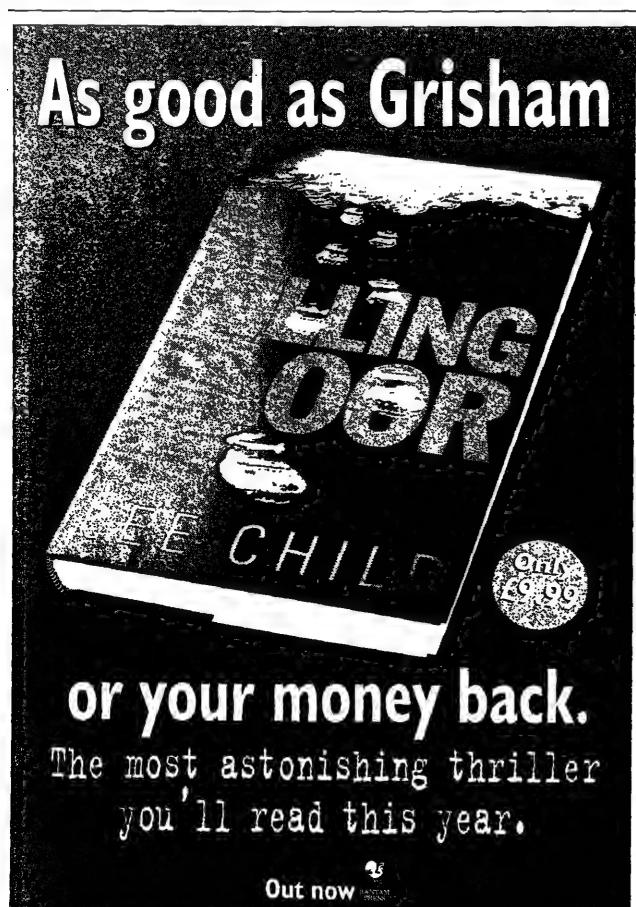
didn't come," he said. Senor Trujillo was so frightened that he drove non-stop back to Spain, where he reported the incident to police in his home town of Mijas. near Malaga.

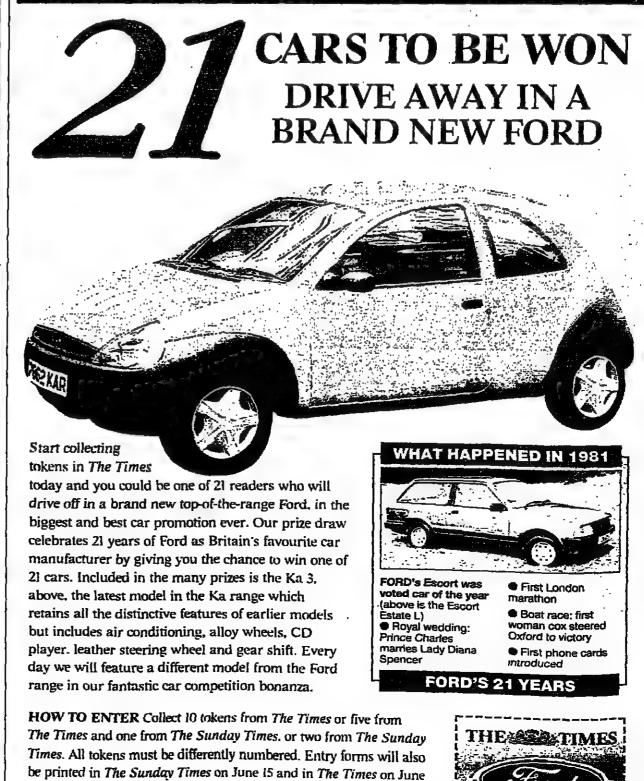
The attack was the most serious in a series of assaults by roving pickets on Spanish drivers over the past month. Another was treated in hospital near Montpellier two weeks ago after trying to stop farmers burning his lorry.

French farmers say they face ruin because they are unable to compete with cheap fruit and vegetables impo from Spain.

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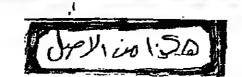
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# Blair vows to push Kohl for go-ahead on Eurofighter

BY ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

dising the pre-production

stage of the Eurolighter to the

tune of £400,000 a day. He

demanded a quick decision

from Bonn, or he would

consider withdrawing from

British Aerospace has been

lobbying the Labour Govern-

ment to apply pressure on the Germans. In opposition, Lab-our fully supported the

Eurofighter programme. The topic is likely to remain one

of the most sensitive issues

herween Bonn and London. To underline British indus-

try's concerns about the fate of

thousands of jobs which are

linked to the Eurolighter

project, leaders of engineering

trade unions went to Germany to lobby Bonn. A total of 40,000 British jobs are at

The Eurolighter 2000 is the

biggest collaborative industri-

al project in Europe, the

equivalent in cost of four

Channel tunnels,

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THE German Defence Minister yesterday tried to reassure Britain that his country remains committed to the £40 billion Eurofighter aircraft project.

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However, after a musting in Bonn with George Robertson, his British counterpart. Volker Ruhe was only able to predict that the outlook for the Eurofighter project "louked better than 50-50".

Mr Robertson had underlined his concern for the fournation programme after renewed fears that Germany might pull out because of lack of funds. Herr Ruhe said his Government hoped to resolve the matter at a Cabinet meeting on July II, when next year's budget would be

discussed. Last night, Tony Blair promised to put pressure on Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to sign up to the final phases of the Eurofighter programme when he sees him tomorrow. In the Commons, the Prime Minister said the Eurofighter project was important for British defence and jobs, and he would press the Chancellor to proceed with it. "We will be doing everything we can to see

the project out," he promised. Eurofighter is being developed by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. The four countries are due to sign the production investment phase, which would allow the primary manufacturers in each of the nations to build the production lines. Britain's main Eurolighter factory would be at the British Aerospace plant at Warton, Lancashire.

The agreement was supposed to have been signed late last year but was delayed. However, the date keeps slipping because of Germany's budget difficulties. Bonn's defence budget has been cut and Herr Rühe is finding it diffi-cult to raise the \$1.25 billion needed for Germany's share

of the next phase.

The defence hudget for 1997 has been pared by OM2 biltion (about £800 million). Herr Ruhe argued that the size of this cut endangered the preproduction phase - building and preparing the factories for Eurofighter - as well as training and retaining the skilled workers. Half of the money has been found by delaying the modernisation of some weapons systems, such as the Leopard 2 tank. Although Herr Rühe was once a Eurofighter-sceptic, he is now

a convert. Manfred Bischoff, chief of DASA, the main German acrospace contractor, said vesterday his company was subsi-



The Eurofighter: thousands of jobs are at stake

### Russian general offers to make treachery pay

IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN agents working for foreign powers have been offered a chance to come in from the cold while continuing to line their pockets.

General Nikolal Kovalyov, head of the Federal Security Service, said in an interview on the Moscow television channel MTK that he had opened a hotline to enable Russians spying for foreign countries to turn double agents. By disclosing all to his security service, these agents

FROM ROBIN LODGE would not only be assured peace of mind, they would also be able to continue accepting payments from their foreign employers.
"We will find all of you in

the end, sooner or later," the iocular general said. For those who reject the offer, the consequences could be dire. Russians caught selling secrets abroad face the death penalty, still in force despite demands for its abolition by the Council

of Europe.

All calls to the bottine proved fruitless yesterday. It was constantly engaged.

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A Polish boy dozes while a nun applauds the Pope's arrival at an outdoor Mass in Kalisz yesterday. In an apparently unscripted speech, the pontiff, who is on an II-day visit to his homeland, paid tribute to millions of Jews who died in Nazi concentration camps in Poland, and reminded Polish Catholies of their shared heritage

### Annan hints at use of force to topple Sierra Leone coup

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

KOFI ANNAN, the United Nations Secretary-General, said yesterday that as a last resort force might have to be used to dislodge the Sierra Leone coup leaders - a view reluctantly shared by Rubin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, at their meeting in London.

After an hours talks, in which Mr Annan briefed the Foreign Secretary on the decisions at the summit conference of the Organisation of African Unity, the UN head said it was important that the entire African continent had spoken with one voice against the nulttary coup. "It shows the kind of change we are seeing in Airica these days and I think it needs to be applanded," he said, "I would maintain what I have said earlier, that if use of force becomes a last resort and it is nevitable it may have to come to that." But he added that there was no question of a UN force going into the country.

Mr Cook said Britain would rather see a resolution by negoriation, but ultimately force might have to be considered. Officials in Whitehall, however, insisted that there would be no lessening of pressure on Nigeria to return to democracy, even if Nigerian troops restored the legitimate Government in Sierra Leone.

Mr Cook said the coup leaders "have no friends among their neighbours, no friends in the region and no friends within Europe7.

He telephoned Peter Penfold, the British High Commissioner who arrived yesterday in neighbouring Guinea, to congratulate him on his evacuation of British citizens and his mitiative in arranging a ceasefire so that civilians could leave. About 200 more refugees were arriving in Conakry yesterday. Britain has chartered a Boeing 747 to bring them home.

☐ Harare: The OAU summit ended here yesterday with an assurance from Zimbabwe's President Mugabe, its new chairman, that Africa's future coup-makers would find life much more difficult than they have in the past Jan Raath writes). "I can assure you future coups will be handled in a rough way," he said.

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# Shanghai shines in new cultural revolution



James Pringle in Shanghai contrasts the drabness of the Mao era with the bustling city's high-rise renaissance

ALDOUS HUXLEY once described Shanghai as "life itself nothing more intensely living can be imagined". But the elegant and squalid city they once called the Paris of the East was for more than 40 years of Communist rule from 1949 just a pale imitation of the rumbustious melting pot it

was in the 1920s and 1930s. Punished first by Mao for its imperialist past, then by his successors for its radical leftism during the Cultural Revolution. Shanghai remained largely moribund even as the

southern coastal provinces began 6 Two lamps their economic take-off from are better than 1979 under the one. Shanghai free-market policy and opening can't replace Hong Kong, world of Deng Xiaoping, 'the Hong Kong leader. One offi can't replace cial here said Shanghai did not Shanghai 🤊

sive growth until 1992 because the Chinese leadership still feared attack across the East China Sea

begin its explo-

But now Shanghai has made up economic ground so fast and conspicuous consumption is so prevalent that a senior Roman Catholic churchman said last week: The greatest threat to Catholicism is not the Communist Party but rampant materialism". A sign near Hongqiao airport bears Shanghai's latest credo: "Development is the irrefutable imperative."

Shanghai is being projected - some say hyped - as a 21stcentury city, comparable to Seattle and Singapore. While that is almost certainly premature, the hopes of the party economic reformers in Beijing are pinned on the city, and on its giant satellite of Pudong. This lies east across the described in an 1983 guidebook as a largely uninteresting industrial area. It is now a high-rise development built with foreign capital and lowwage Chinese migrant workers on party orders.

"Shanghai is a giant experiment," said a foreign executive. "It's allowing bankruptcies, mass lay-offs of moribund state-run industry workers and their re-employ-ment. This is the one Chinese city where they feel relatively secure doing this. If it works

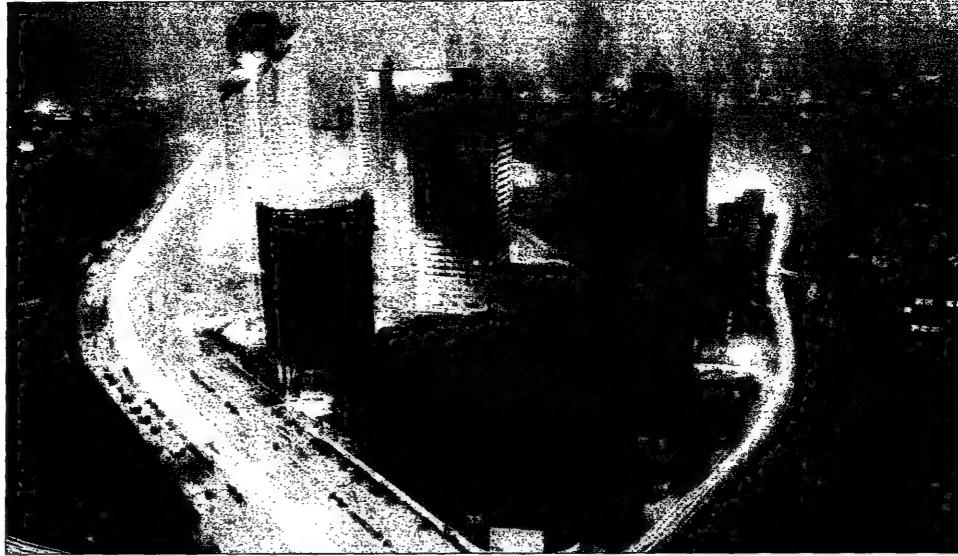
here it can work in the rest of China - though, of course, experiments can also go wrong." That is what wornes the authorities here, and that is why the Communist Party applies both ideological tightness and careful, if discreet. surveil-

lance by security

Hong Kong to Chinese rule at the end of this month, and the fifteenth party congress in the autumn, Chinese leaders are ultra-sensitive to any form of unrest. Diplomats say there is a "real concern about stability because of growing unemployment and wealth disparity". Senior officials candidly admit that Shanghai newspapers are under orders not to mention when a migrant worker is involved in crime, though most Shanghainese believe most crimes are committed by these migrants from poor

police. With the return of

inland provinces. Foreign envoys say every-thing — worker unrest, residents' anger at leaving their old homes for distant suburbs and cultural life - are quite tightly controlled. One diplomat said that, even as the city proudly shows off its splendid



Modern glass and steel buildings dominate the Shanghai skyline. The one-time "Paris of the East" is now aspiring to match the prosperity of Seattle or Singapore

theatre and opera house under construction, "you can count on one hand, possibly two, the number of foreign films passed last year for showing in local cinemas". Shanghai, after all, has a reputation for unpredictable political twists and turns: the ruinous Cultural Revolution began here. Yet optimism is the watchword as Shanghainese prepare for the Hong Kong handover. While some low-level officials see Shanghai taking over Hong Kong's mantle as China's

financial centre, senior offici-

als know Shanghai still has a

long way to go. Still, there is a

sense that new Shanghai is a home-grown creation, while Hong Kong, with its British past, is not.

Xu Kuangdi, the Mayor, put it tactfully: "Shanghai and Hong Kong will be like a violin and a piano making beautiful music together."

Zhao Qizheng, the deputy Mayor, a 57-year-old former nuclear physicist known as Mr Pudong for his spearheading of development in what in 1990 were largely muddy ricefields, foresees an economic corridor extending from Tokyo to Singapore and taking in both Shanghai and Hong

per cent of the world's cranes. Kong. Farmers' sons and daughters becoming comput-er programmers and business city officials boast - there is a sense of bustling purpose and determination. executives wil help fuel Shanghai's boom, though not dis-place Hong Kong, he says. Two lamps shining in China As a rare visitor to Shanghai

Shanghai cannot replace Hong Kong, Hong Kong can-not replace Shanghai." From the granite Bund, the embankment where the British set up their banks and trading houses, to Pudong. with its giant television tower. its Times Square and its noisy construction sites - there are 23,000 in Shanghai, using 17

are better than one," he adds.

in 1972, when the Gang of Four held sway, I found a city of fear where only a few old men were bold enough to whisper a welcome. There were only six foreigners (now there are 26,000 in a population of 13.5 million) then living in a city of Red Guards and workers' militias. I recall feeling lonely and miserable, then entering the eighth-floor restaurant of the Peace Hotel. I was astonished to recognise

the film actress Nancy Kwan, who had starred with William Holden in The World of Suzie Wong. She charmingly agreed to an interview on how she saw Mao's China, and I took notes with frozen fingers as junks sailed past on the Huangpu below in a city that suddenly felt less gloomy.

Shanghai is certainly not gloomy nowadays - even the migrant workers seem cheerful, dodging traffic while carrying girders to sites of new high rises replacing old quarters from which residents are removed to far-away new pubPudong, roomier but less so-cial. Shanghal has a sense of style yet still lacks sophistication, but many educated young girls have been on group holidays to South-East Asia and now have money to spend on clothes and cosmetics in trendy Huaihai Road with its Printemps store and

pavement calés. "What they are doing here is quite remarkable," said one diplomat. "The sense of common purpose in the leadership is impressive, and the hype is justified if you compare the situation at the beginning of

### Tiananmen vigil sends democracy call to Beijing

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

WITH the largest turnout in years. Hong Kong remembered Tiananmen Square last night on the eighth anniversary of the massacre. More than 60,000 people waved candles against the night sky and efore a huge sign saying "Fight to the end".

It was a huge rebuke to Tung Chee-hwa, Chief Executive designate, who two days earlier had called on people here to "put the baggage of Tiananmen behind you". Mr Tung has also repeatedly talked of sinister influences poised to create disorder in Hong Kong.

The centrepiece of this year's demonstration and vigil was a tall stone monument called The Pillar of Shame displaying piles of dead and dying people. There was also the usual replica of the Goddess of Democracy" holding aloft the flame of freedom; the original had been erected in Tiananmen just before the final crackdown and was smashed to pieces by a tank.

It was to this statue that some of Hong Kong's leading democrats, holding torches, brought flowers, before bowing three times in respect to the hundreds who died on the same night eight years ago.



minds of the crowd and of the organisers was that this might be the last such vigil. But although Mr Tung has said often that Hong Kong must forget the past, the cries last night were to look to the

Martin Lee, chairman of the

Democrats, the party with more seats than any other in the Legislative Council which will be abolished on July I and replaced by a Beijing-appoint-ed body, said: The great point here tonight is for Beijing and Mr Tung: we will continue to hold this vigil year after year until the verdict on Tiananmen is reversed. Those demonstrators who were killed in Beijing were not 'counter-revolutionaries', they were calling for democracy, and that is what we are doing

here tonight."

Many families came to Vietoria Park, the scene of the vigil and Hong Kong's largest open space. The father of twin 12-year-old girls said: "This may be the last one." His wife disagreed. "No. it will go on. I



A family joins the the 60,000 people at a candlelit vigil in Hong Kong yesterday

want my daughters to tell my grandchildren about these demonstrations.

Near them an elderly man wore a T-shirt with a picture of the late Deng Xiaoping, who ordered the tanks into Tiananmen in 1989. Under the picture were the words "Wanted for murder".

A cleaner in a university said: "We Chinese do not forget these things. Even the friends of Beijing in Hong Kong feel pain in their hearts tonight about Tiananmen."

Outside the park there were acute feelings. "I never come to things like this." said a middle-aged woman before the demonstration. "No matter how badly they treat us, we

Chinese never ask our parents to say they are sorry."

Szeto Wah, also a council member, shouted to the crowd: "Redress Tiananmen." He was greeted with a roar of

Robin Munro, director of the Hong Kong office of the New York-based Human Rights Warch: Asia, who like many Western journalists in Victoria Park last night had been in Tiananmen in 1989. said: "They li never be able to squash these demonstrations. Even if the new government has the temerity to try to stop them next year, these people will come with arms locked and maybe with bandages over their mouths."

☐ Family service: Families of students killed at Tiananmen Square laid flowers and swept graves at Beijing cemeteries yesterday Uantes Pringle

"It's impossible to forget." said Ding Zilin, whose son Jiang Jielian, a high-school student, was killed there at the age of 17. He was joined by his wife at a private memorial service for their son. They and 41 other bereaved parents sent petition to the National People's Congress, China's parliament, last month seeking an official inquiry into the massacre and dialogue with the Government. They asked that their children be considered as potriots.

### 'was faked by press bosses'

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

HONG KONG'S Independent Commission Against Corruption yesterday arrested six executives of Hong Kong Standard Newspapers, charg-ing them with inflating

circulation figures. The six, including two former employees of the group which publishes the Hong Kong Standard and Sunday Standard, were not named. They are accused of conspiring to inflate the papers' circulation ligures by printing 23,000 surplus copies a day and selling them as waste, to deceive British auditors and local advertising clients of both newspapers. No jour-nalists have been arrested and the commission emphasised that no journalists were under

investigation.

The commission says the alleged fraud began at least

three years ago.
Trading in shares of Sing Tao, the papers' parent company, was suspended yester-day amid talk that the group, valued at £20 million, was to be sold.

Rumours of a self-off have been denied for weeks by Sally Aw. the publisher, but staff members on the Hong Kong Standard said yester-day that they believed a sale

### Circulation | North Korea 'three weeks from famine'

NORTH Korea's public food distribution system will collapse within three weeks, leaving the country exposed to famine, the UN food relief agency said yesterday.

in a report on a fact-finding mission to the Communist country, the World Food Programme warned donor countries that the state-run monopoly will run out of food on June 20. It will not be able to provide the 100g (3.5oz) of grain daily ration, equivalent

emergency supply, on which most North Koreans have survived for months. WFP, appealing for 1.2 million tonnes more grain until October's harvest, said that foreign aid deliveries and pledges

There is no alternative to the distribution system, which has propped up 78 per cent of the population since devastating floods destroyed crops in 1995 and 1996. Malnutrition means starvation will happen rapidly, ald officials said.

### Seoul students admit worker's fatal beating

dent group which has clashed violently with police acknowledged yesterday its members beat a man who died after their interrogation over whether he was a police informer. The group said it was sus-pending its street protests demanding President Kim

dents who had gathered at Seoul university campuses.

But thousands of police in riot gear were sent to righten the cordon around the capital's Hanyang University. vowing to arrest those involved in the beating as well as student leaders. Lee Senk, 23, a factory worker, was dead

university hospital yesterday. He suffered severe bruises all Koo. a spokesman for the Hanchongryun group, told a news conference. "We express condolences over Mr Lee's

Mr Lee was the second

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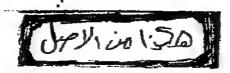
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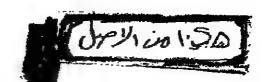
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Seoul: A South Korean stuover his body, hospital offici-als said, "There had been some beating when students questioned Mr Lee," Lee Hoi Young Sam's resignation and dispersing thousands of stu-

person to die in five days of violence arising from student protests. On Monday, a policeman was killed after being run over by an armoured police car during a chaotic retreat by officers from stones and firebombs hurled by



### Military muffles the voices of dissent as violence mars eve of election

# Algerians go to polls in shadow of civil war

FROM PETER SHAW-SMITH IN ALGIERS

ALGERIANS go to the pulls today seeking a way out of a civil war that has claimed an estimated 60,000 lives in five years and cast a pall of lear and tension across North Afri-

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ca's largest Arab country.
The panorama of the Bay of Algiers - a 15-mile expanse of harbour, ships and lights that twinkle amiably at night — gives no hint of a society so at odds with itself. But there is a darker side behind the façade of normality. Under Algeria's military-backed regime, the population is wary and silent.

About 40 parties will contest the election, but only five are Mikely to make any real impression on the make-up of the 380-seat National Assembly. President Zeroual retains sweeping powers under the 1996 referendum, including the appointment of a third of the upper chamber, the Majlis

The few people here who are willing to speak freely are reluctant to back the Government's slogan that this election

the people's will". Journalists are followed by armed plainclothed men who ostensibly provide protection but who also prevent the man in the street from speaking out.

A journalist with the Arabic daily Al-Alam a-Siyasi with links to the Islamic opposition said he expected Abdelkader Bensaleh's National Demoeratic Rally — the party closest to President Zeronal — to emerge victorious tommorrow with about 50 per cent of the vote. He predicted that Hamas (the Movement for Social Peace) would come second. with herween 28 and 30 per cent, and the FFS (the Socialist Forces Front) third, with about

The journalist said the elections were necessary, but added: "If all the political currents were represented, this would be the beginning of a solution." This was a clear reference to the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), the party which was winning the 1992 election when it was annulled.

15-20 per cent.

A group of foreign journal-



Algerian security forces surround the body of an alleged terrorist they killed in an Algiers street, watched by residents from their doorways. In another

but the administration has

spared no effort to portray the

elections as free and fair: the

official Algeria Press Service

spoke of foreign journalists'

joy" to be here, while Mon-

day's evening news showed

soldiers and security officers

casting their votes. APS re-ports that 244 international

observers are here to monitor

outbreak of pre-election violence in a city that has suffered five years of bloodshed, a bomb exploded in a crowded market, killing ten people and

ists were taken by an official to a farm where Ahmed, a 15year-old youth, was killed in April by a group of 40 armed men who came down from nearby mountains. When the boy's father was questioned he looked to the officials for a prompt, and was recorded as

asking: "What should I say to these journalists?" In one recent massacre reported in the Algerian press. the administration claimed that 42 people were killed by Islamic extremists in the re-gion of Medea, 50 miles south-

However, a former journalist, who was elected as the FIS MP for Sidi Aissa in December 1901 and was placed under arrest for four days in January 1992 before fleeing the country, gives a different version of the massacre. He claims that

west of Algiers.

an Islamic group had killed 24 army paratroops in the region. Two days later, as a reprisal, he said, the army dropped napaim on the site and surrounded the area. Then they went in and killed 135 people.

injuring another 40. Security was being

stepped up yesterday as millions pre-

pared to vote today in the first general

The former MP said: "If you win the trust of the people, as I did in 1991, you are hated by

including women and

### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

### US panel to rule on human clones

Washington: Scientists should be able to create cloned human embryos, although they should be banned from creating cloned human babies, an American government ethics commission is expected to recommend on Saturday (Bronwen Maddoy writes).

The report is expected to say that privarely funded scientists should be allowed to make cloned human embryos for research but not implant them in wombs. The 18-strong National Bioethics Advisory Commission has been entrusted with finding common ground between doctors who say that such research is needed and religious groups who oppose it. The panel's work began in February after Scottish scientists announced the existence of the cloned sheep Dolly,

### Troops resign in tax battle

Oslo: Joergen Kosmo, the Norwegian Defence Minister, vesterday anempted to prevent the resignation of most of Norway's peacekeeping battalion in Bosnia by guaranteeing tax-free overseas allowances through 1997, the Defence Ministry said. Eighty per cent of the 700 troops with the Norwegian Mechanised Bantalion operating with the Natoled force resigned after the Government told them they must pay tax on an overseas allowance. "I guarantee that the overseas allowance will be tax-free through 1997," Mr Kosmo said. Bartalion representatives in Oslo have recommended that the soldiers withdraw their resignation. (AFP)

### Rao forgery case dropped

Delhi: Charges in a forgery trial were dropped against P. V. Narasimha Rao, the former Indian Prime Minister. It was one of three criminal cases which had forced him to quit last year as Congress party leader. Judge Ajit Bharihoke dismissed the Government's claim that Mr Rao had been involved in an attempt in 1989 to defame V. P. Singh, an opposition leader who later became Prime Minister. "The judge said there was no evidence of conspiracy," said R. K. Anand, Mr Rao's lawyer, "It is a big victory," (Reuter)

### Extra time for jailed Tapie

Paris: Bertrand Tapie, right, the jailed bankrupt French tycoon, was sentenced to another six months on tax evasion charges — for passing off pleasure cruises on his luxury yacht as business expenses. The appeals court upheld a lower court's conviction a year ago that Taple had evaded more than FFr12 million (£2) serving eight months for rigging a football match while he was boss of



### India caught in missile row

Karachi: Reacting to a report in America that India has deployed medium-range Prithivi missiles along its border, Pakistan said it might seek a similar system to meet the threat (Zahid Hussain writes). The report in the Washingon Post said India had moved more than a dozen missiles to Jullundur, an eastern Punjab town near the Pakistan border. An Indian Defence Ministry spokesman denied the story.

### Boeing pilot goes astray

Delhi: Indian police have charged a Saudi pilot with irresponsible flying after he landed his Boeing 747 with 344 people on board at a tiny military airbase instead of at nearby Madras airport. The jet's tyres burst as the pilot applied emergency brakes to avoid overshooting the runway. (AFP)

# Northern warlords unite to thwart Taleban



Masood: fight to retake

BY CHRISTOPHER TROMAS SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

ENEMIES of the Taleban Islamic army have forged a new military alliance in northern Afghanistan. amounting to a de facto division of the country in an intensifying civil war. The strategic town of Jabai

os-Siraj, 44 miles north of Kabul, the capital, is bearing the brunt of fighting. It is on the only all-weather road leading north to the Hindu Kush mountains, beyond which Taleban's enemies are massed. The war has also

returned to Kabul, a shattered city, for the first time since Taleban captured it eight months ago. An ammunition dump blew up in the Bala Hisar district yesterday, possibly from sabotage. Kabul is ethnically mixed, with many Shias. Tajiks and Uzbeks whose loyalties lie with anti-

Taleban forces to the north. It

is ripe for treachery.

Aighan volunteers are pouring into the Afghan border town of Spin Boldak to answer Taleban's call for tens of thousands of new recruits to enter the war. They have come from madrassas (religious schools), the traditional recruiting ground of Taleban. an army of students. Pakistan has done nothing to hinder their march to war: indeed, it may be encouraging it.

Pakistan has given up all pretences of neutrality in the war. Immigration officials and paramilitary guards on the border watch the tide of volunteers, many carrying the white flag of Taleban, without

Bus owners are making windfall profits carrying the recruits; would-be fighters also arrive hanging on to crowded trucks and jammed

into decrepit cars, evidently filled with real as they answer the call for a jihad (holy war) against the northerners.

Buses delivering the students to the border start their 80-mile journey from Quetta. capital of Baluchistan province. Recruits come from thousands of religious schools throughout Pakistan. most of them new to war but fired by the belief that this is a religious crusade.

Before receiving weapons and rations they are driven eight miles over bumpy roads to Spin Boldak to hear sermons from Taleban officials.

after which they are taken to the Talehan headquarters city of Kandahar. Many of these largely untrained men will be thrown into battle north of Kabul against the Tajik army of Ahmed Shah Masood, a veteran fighter who is battling to retake Jabal os-Siraj.

He has seized some parts of the town, according to the Islamabad-based Afghan Is-lamic Press. It is a vital objective for General Masood: his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley is near by, and he will be vulnerable so long as Jabal os-Siraj is held by enemy forces.

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on limiting the steroid risk of osteoporosis; sunburnt heads; the importance of fibre in the diet; blood disorders; and the use of antidepressants

# Guarding against the side-effects of steroids

at last beginning to fall despite an increased incidence of the condition. The probable reason is that doctors are now using corticosteroid treatment by mouth or injection more readily in severe attacks and are increasingly relying on inhaled ste-roids to keep the condition at bay.

The treatment of the life-threatening. and unpleasant, group of diseases known as the inflammatory bowel diseases has been so improved by the introduction of another steroid preparation. Entocort, that many more people are now able to live an ordinary life despite their troubles. Likewise patients are enabled to walk and use their other joints because of steroids, and many others would have been blinded by temporal arteritis but for the use of heavy doses of steroids as a first aid measure.

Despite the revolution which came about with the introduction of steroids they are still feared by the general public. Many parents. for instance fail to allow the wheezy child to obtain the relief from the symptoms of asthma by using a steroid inhaler as they fear, quite wrongly, that the patient might develop serious side effects. Any side effects from inhaled steroids are so mild as to be almost insignificant.

Any revolution, before it settles down, causes casualties and the steroid revolution was no exception. Nearly 50 years ago, when steroids were introduced, doctors temporarily lost their

fter many years in which the death rate from asthma has been steadily increasing it is time the side effects had wreaked terrible havoc among the patients. People found that with steroids their backs had become rounded and humped, their faces moon-like, their bones crumpled with osteoporosis and their guts perforated. Some people became wildly manic while taking steroids; others, as I remember from a case I was looking after as a junior hospital doctor, were so depressed that they tried to jump out of the windows.

The stories of the early disasters of steroid therapy have lived on and have lost nothing in their retelling so that a mythology has developed about it which has not been dispelled by the very different circumstances which now exist. The use of much smaller doses, the introduction of improved preparations and the careful monitoring of all treatment has allowed doctors to utilise the advantage of steroids while minimising the chance of patients suffering any sudden disaster.

Although the severe osteoporotic

bone-crumbling days of the 1950s are over, even the smaller doses of steroid therapy taken continuously increases the likelihood that a patient will suffer some thinning of the bones.

Over a quarter of a million people in the United Kingdom now rely, with great advantage to their health, on continuous steroid therapy. Over 40 per cent of the patients on long-term treatment for asthma, however, suffer from esteoporosis that is severe enough for it to contribute to a fracture after a the power of the new group of drugs percentage receiving treatment for bulk of the bones are increased.



The skin of the scalp and face is particularly sensitive to sun and prolonged exposure could lead to skin cancer, as well as several lesser skin disorders

THE DAYS when men all wore hais have long passed. Last month saw the the hottest Bank Holiday weekend for five years and the sun shone down on scores of balding heads and provided a clear picture of the way in which too much sun can ravage the skin on male scalps. The scalps of men who have spent their lives in the open air,

Head for protection during a heatwave

hot climates, pay the price. The skin of the scalp and face is particularly sensitive to sun and is liable to develop solar dermatoses, the skin conditions which are the sequel to exposure to sunlight. These problems

One of the diphosphonate drugs

Didronel PMO etidronate, which is

supplied together with calcium supple-

ments, has been approved this week by the authorities for the prevention of osteoporosis in patients regularly tak-ing steroids. The combination is also useful in the treatment for prevention of all other types of established or insintent octavernessis.

insipient osteoporosis.

Didronel PMO is taken daily with

water, when fasting, for a fortnight: thereafter calcium supplements are

swallowed each day for two-and-a-half

months. This cycle is repeated, and

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eds to be careful

especially if they have worked in

include all three types of common skin cancer, as well as several lesser skin disorders.

Men with receding hairlines are more vulnerable to scalp burns than women, but research has shown that they tend to use

lower protection factor. Most of the bank holiday sun-worshippers didn't look as if they had ever used sun screens at all. But now a preparation is available for men with thinning bair. Called Scalp Bloc, it provides a

meets the recommendation of the Health Education Authority. It is non-greasy, non-scented, is not obvious and does not make a mess of any of the hair which a man may still have. Scaip Bloc is not only likely to be useful to those who spend their life out of doors or holidaymakers, but also to the short cropped as well

rheumatoid arthritis suffer collapse of a vertebra. Despite these figures and the obvious hazard they demonstrate of osteoperosis as a complication of longterm steroid therapy, only 50 per cent of the patients have been prescribed any treatment to protect the strength of their bones by preventing asteoporosis.

ones are constantly remodeled — old bone is removed by cells known as osteoclasts. new bone is laid down by osteoblasts. A group of drugs, the diphosphonates, reduces the reabsorption of bone by inhibiting the action of

### The benefits of bran confined to that bestowed by ll Bran and similar

breakfast cereals may not seem to have much in common with some of California's finest red wines but the suppliers of both products have recently petitioned the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for permission to display health claims on the labels of

tise the advantages of the health-giving properties of modest amounts of red wine has al-

cepted by the FDA and now appears on the company's bottles. The FDA has the daunting task of

reading and re-porting, within the next 90 days, on more than 18 volumes of research papers about the effect of the incidents of cancer of the colon. and other large bowel condi-

tions, of the dietary fibre contained in wheatbran. The two Kellogg brothers. one a doctor, first discovered the process of flaking wheat 104 years ago, and 24 years later, had produced the first All Bran mixture. The claim

on the value of fibre to the breakfast eater's health is being submitted by Kelloggs. Its basis is that colon cancer is associated with many factors, including diet. The manufacpatients who were given a placebo. turers suggest that medical evidence collected fc. the past 25 years supports the premise that cating insoluable fibre from foods containing wheatbran, or wholewheat, as part of a low-fat diet, reduces the risk of colon cancer.

Just as the health advan-tages of red wine are not

Californian vintages, nor are the advantages of a low-fat, high-fibre diet restricted to Kelloggs. Fibre, to be beneficial, does not necessarily have to be eaten at breakfast but if it is, it contributes to the low-fat, high-polysaccharide earlymorning diet lavoured by dietitians as the best means of ending the nocturnal fast, and at the same time preventing a

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> Too many apples may be more upsetting to the gut'

stewed fruit is not going to have any appreciable influence on howel action, or reduce the excretion of bile salts, which is thought to be another of the factors that makes bran anti-

campernus. An analysis of more than 55 surveys on the medicinal qualities of bran was reported a few years ago in the journal of the National Cuncer Institute. The report showed that there is an inverse relationship between the amount of fibre in

the diet, and the incidence of cancer of the colon - the more fibre eaten, the less chance of growth in the large gut.

A high wheatbran diet, tak-

en for two years or more, has also been shown to reduce the rate at, which premalignant colonic polyps form in people who have a hereditary tendency to develop them.

The American National Research Council advocates that the low-fat diet, now universally recommended, should be accompanied by more fruit. vegetables and whole-grain cereal products.

copie worry, not without good cause, that a high-fibre diet could cause socially unacceptable wind. As baked-bean eaters have long known, excessive wind is initially a complication of any fibre-rich diet, but this disadvantage becomes progressively less as the body becomes accustomed to the change.

Excessive wind is also less likely if food is eaten slowly. One consolation for those who like to take their fibre in the form of All Bran, or in other wheat products, is that wheatbran ferments more slowly than fibre derived from fruits or oats. Too many apples may therefore be more upsetting to the guts than an equivalent amount of libre derived from wheat,

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### Problems with the blood

THIS WEEK Dr Christine Lee, a consultant haematologist and director of the haemophilia unit at the Royal Free Hospital, London, has been made the first professor of haemophilia in the country.

The hospital's haemophilia unit studies and treats bleeding disorders where the patient has an abnormal tendency to bleed, or has blood that clots too readily. The unit also cares for the growing number of patients on anticoagulant therupy, which is likely to increase as more patients with atrial librillation (cardiac arrhythmia) are prescribed Warfarin.

Professor Lee, Dr Relan Ahmed, a research fellow in the obstetrics and gynaecology department at the Royal Free, together with Mr Dimitrius Economides, a consultant at the hospital and a senior lecturer in the university, have been investigating women who have heavy periods. Most doctors tend to look for the obvious causes of heavy peri-ods (menorrhagia) such as fibroids, pelvic infection, thyroid disease and endometriosis, and carry out a full blood count to exclude the more sinister anaemias. If they draw a blank with these, they

attribute the menorrhagia to dysfunctional uterine bleeding, which is thought to result from abnormalities in the hypothalamic-pituitary axis. The Royal Free team has

studied the blood of all patients aged 16-50 who have attended the hospital complaining of heavy menstrual bleeding but in whom no obvious cause can be found.

Twelve per cent of the women who could readily have been classified as having dysfunctional uterine bleeding had one of the hereditary disorders of blood-clotting. As a result of their research. Professor Lee, Dr Ahmed and Mr Economides recommend that any woman who has a normal pelvic examination but suffers from menorrhagia should be screened to exclude a bleeding disorder, especially von Willebrand's disease, an abnormality in, or deficiency of, one of the plasma proteins. in some cases, heavy peri-

ods can be successfully treated with a nasal spray.

Awareness of a tendency to bleed is useful so that appropriate measures can be taken before women have dental treatment, surgery or give birth. Patients should also



Anorexia: Prozac has proved a successful therapy

### Anorexia and antidepressants

an adequate vitamin D intake.

THE NEW antidepressants, the SHT reuptake inhibitors, are increasingly taking their rightful place in the treatment of many conditions which produce clinical depression. Drugs in this group have also proved useful in treating a variety of other conditions in which there may be a depressive element in the illne

Research has already demonstrated the value of the 5HT reuptake inhibitors in the care of patients with obsessive compulsive disorder, Asperger's syndrome. panic attacks and many phobias. Two recent reports on Prozac,

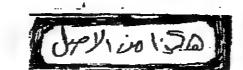
which is one of the 5HT reuptake inhibitors, have found two other indications for its prescription. At a conference in the United States there was an account of treating anorexia. Patients with anorexia who were given Prozac as part of their therapy were four times more likely to retain any weight gained during treatment, than those

Other research showed that some forms of anger and aggression were also well controlled by Prozac. Many doctors have been using 5HT reuptake inhibitors to treat selected cases of abnormally aggressive behaviour for some years, but often prefer to use one of the group with a more sedative action than Prozac.

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# Pioneer poet of the American wilderness

he life of E. Annie Proulx is almost as magical and exotic as her fiction. At an age when most people are setding for a slow retirement, she is engaged in a lever of activity: rising at 4am to write, skiing, hunting, canceing, building and hiking, "Oh. and mountain-biking," she cuts in, with no trace of irony. "I've recently taken up mountain-biking, it's terrific fun." It is worth pausing to remember that this is a woman soon

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to celebrate her 62nd birthday. Proulx (pronounced to rhyme with Crewe) is accurately acclaimed as a pioneer spirit, a writer from the frontier for whom the great outdoors is a redemptive arena. She lives alone in a large, echoing house high up in the Rockies at Wyoming. The air is thin and bracing there; from her front porch she can see for miles. She loves the rugged terrain and the extremes of the climate. There is snow on the ground for at least eight months of the year, and for much of

the time there is a big. dipping wind. After three failed marriages and many restless years roaming across America, Proulx feels sented in Wyoming and is enjoying a period of

'I am not a money person. I pay myself a not very staggering salary and I live very modestly. It's there but I don't use it'

remarkably sustained creativity. Her visit to London coincides with the appearance of her new novel, Accordion Crimes, which was shortlisted for the Orange Prize. She strides into the fover of her central London hotel with an intimidating vigour and purpose. Tall and big-boned, she carries herself like a man. Her handshake is firm.

Though it is a hot, humid afternoon, she is dressed entirely in black, down to the frames of her wirerimmed spectacles. She has the pallor of Andy Warhol, her blonde eyebrows incongruous beneath her dark fringe. She has (unfairly) been tagged an awkward customer, one who unashamedly terminates interviews if asked a "banal or idiotic" question. Such as? "Oh, I don't know," she says. "Something like, what is this book about?" Oh dear, there goes my next question.

A woman of paradoxes, Proulx craves solitude but also surrounds herself with a close network of friends - people who share her exuberance and violent energy. "My friends are the kind of people who step over borders, move in and out of several languages easily," she says.

"They are people who keep residence in gritty places and like music and food and cooking; people who have lots of boyfriends and griffriends and are always entangled and in libelious situations. These are the kind of people I like, and this is the kind of life I have."

Proulx speaks as she writes: in tumbling torrents of words. She is a writer in a hurry, haunted by lost tune, the years she spent "doing things that I never wanted to do, things like getting married". She feels the lost years like a burden. "I came to writing late and am racing to get everything down; my head is full of

Asked about her marriages, she becomes shy and evasive. I always hated domestic situations. I don't think I was a particularly good or diligent mother [she has four adult children]. I grew up at a time when you were supposed to get married and I guess I was a slow learner. It took me a long time for the obvious to become obvious: I could not operate in a conventional family.

When you are in a domestic situation, you can't get up in the middle of the night, turn the music on and start writing; or go to bed in the middle of the afternoon. So it wasn't

E. Annie Proulx wrote her first novel at the age of 56 — and has been winning awards ever since. Her latest book was shortlisted for the Orange Prize. Interview by Jason Cowley



until my last child left home - when I had no responsibilities beyond my-

self - that I began writing." As a result, her first novel, Postcards, was not published until she was 56. It is about a man who kills his girlfriend, buries her body on the family farm and then flees from his guilty secret. Like all of her books, it features a long, anguished journey across America. For Prouk, America remains a "vast continent of discovery", a vessel of migration and new

Postcards, though full of good things, offered no hint of what was to

come. For Proulx's second book. The Shipping News, is one of those rare things: a narrative so fresh and unexpected that its author's life is

utterly transformed by it. Abig. sprawling, exuberant treat of a book, it is set in Newfoundland and concerns the struggles of Quoyle, a bumbling journalist, as he brings up his children after his adulterous wife is killed in a car smash.

The real subject of the book. though, is Newfoundland, a wilderness of winds, ice and fog. Proulx's descriptive writing has a disconcerting power; her book reads like an

elegy to a vanished world. "The force of contemporary life is rushing in on Newfoundland," she says. "The com-munity and way of life I describe in the novel is already disappearing."

The Shipping News won many major fiction prizes, including the Pulitzer, US National Book Award and the Irish Times Award. It was translated into 20 languages and sold about three million copies worldwide, a figure more usually associated with a pop record. Proulx is humbly flummoxed by its success. "People tell me that I have a global readership, but I just can't explain

why; I just don't get it. I expected the book to sell no more than a thousand

The fortune she must have earned is invested in a trust fund for her children. "I am nut a money person." she says. "I pay myself a not very staggering salary and I live very modestly. So it's there, but I don't use it. It's not my thing."

Accordion Crimes spans 100 years and follows the fortunes of five perations of immigrants. They are linked by a green accordion, which serendipitously passes from hand to hand, across the country and down the years. The book is constructed on an epic scale, rather like America itself. There is music and dance, murder and maynem.

It is exhausting to read - precisely because Prouly has inexhausable energy. There is no risk that she will not take. No facet of life in which she is not interested. "The book is an examination of the American obsession with self-discovery, with self-invention," she says, "In no other country is it given that you will reinvent yourself - and you can. I mean, you can change your face, your shape, your state, your name, even

'My friends are people who keep residence in gritty places; people who have lots of boyfriends and girlfriends'

your relatives. I find this rather intriguing and wonder if the seminal point of departure for this whole attitude wasn't the immigrant experience, where people were forced, as soon as they set foot on shore, to start reinventing themselves."

Proulx knows all about self-reinvention. Born in August 1935, she grew up in rural Vermont. Her Québecois father was a travelling textiles executive; her mother a resolute Yankee. Her early years were marked by constant upheaval and movement. She was the eldest of five sisters and her peripatetic childhood left her with an inability to put down roots. She dropped out of various colleges, had "terrible mar-riages", drifted and travelled, brought up her children in poverty while all the time harbouring a "secret desire" to write.

roulx refuses to acknowledge that there is a streak of obsessiveness in her character, despite the contradiction in her reply: "I'm not obsessed with writing," she says. Then, in the next breath, she explains that she is simultaneously working on three books — a novel, a novella and a collection of stories - that she travels across the country compiling thousands of pages of research material for each book, and frequently becomes hooked on certain writers so that she "gorges on their work until I feel sick with excess".

You know, the best part of writing Accordion Crimes was that it gave me a chance to roam about America listening to music for a year or two."

To get the background right for the Tex-Mex section, for instance, I hung out in Texas with my friend Pat Jasper. Together we went down to the nightclubs in Houston, San Antonio and Austin and we just went for it. gathered so much material that I had to leave 90 per cent of it out of the book, I had a great time, though."

After what she calls the "fabulous

distraction" of her visit to London. Proulx is anxious to return to Wyoming and to her writing. Time spent away from her desk is wasted time, for E. Annie Proulx waited so long to become a writer that her greatest fear is that she will die before she can complete "all those books that I've got stacked up in my head". Accordion Crimes is published by

# Confronting the ghosts of Berlin's past

Eva Figes returned to Germany in search of her lost childhood

have just come back from a very special week in Berlin, the city where I was born. I left it in the spring of 1939, shortly before my seventh birthday.

My father was a well-todo businessman, my parents were thoroughly assimilated Jews and I had never heen to a synagogue in my life. I remember a life of servants, a yacht on Havel, my nursemaid taking me to the zoo almost daily. I did not know that my father had already been in a concentra-

tion camp and that we lived in fear of our lives, At the airport that morning in March 1939 to see us off were my widowed grandmother. who would survive in hiding 1944 until she ev-

caped to Swe-

den. my aunt. who got to London a few months later, and my maternal grandparents who, if they changed

their minds about emigrating, left it 100 late. For the past 25 years the Berlin Senate has put aside part of its bud-

get to invite Berlin-born Jews who were driven out by the Nazis to return for a short

I decided to go by myself. I had special reasons for taking up my invitation now. It was time to confront old ghosts, old

traumas, and that is best done by oneself. Not that I was exactly alone. My group included 85 other Berliners", and the fact that I was part of such a large crowd of people with similar histories and griefs made all of us open up in a way which would not otherwise have been possible. Most of them had never been back to Germany. I had, but on previous visits I kept my emotions under wraps. And I never confided

Still, as the plane began

its descent to Tegel airport, I was more than usually apprehensive about landing on German soil. My chief fear was that the Berlin government was trying to buy me off, so to speak, by giving me a good time. And I had a more serious agenda. Would it be considered in the worst possible taste to mention that my grandpar-ents had been killed in a concentration camp and 1 wanted to know which one? But all of us were impressed by the kindness and

sensitivity we were shown. On our arrival we were each given a huge dossier of information, not just details of the programme for the week, but addresses which would enable us to find out about Jewish deportations, or to claim belated restitution. And the programme of events also showed a halance between a celebration of our return and a solening recognition of the dreadful events that had driven us out of our homeland,

Many German Jews profess to loathe Germany, but most of us have very mixed feelings. Distrust. yes, but also curiosity, and a yearning to revisit the scenes of lost childhood and youth. Because of the circumstances of our expulsion, this homesickness

is more powerful and painful than normal nostalgia for the dim and distant past. I did what I had to do.

what I had been putting off for far too long. On a grey. rainy morning I went to the Jewish Com-

munity Library just off the Kurfürstendamm and asked to consult the memorial book for Berlin deportees. And there it was in black and white: Emil Cohen, likewise Ella Cohen, deported on April 2. 1947

Trawniki. Place

of death, Trawniki. Verschollen. Missing, lost The word appears against almost every name in the massive, horribly heavy volume. A place of mass shootings. One question answered, many more to go.

fter I left the Jewish Library 1 sat for a ✓ ■ long time under the blue stained glass dome of the new Memorial Church which stands only yards from my childhood home. I cried, and it was not the only occasion during that week that I cried.

But I also walked the streets for hours, searching for familiar landmarks. bought chocolate ladybirds for my grandchildren, the sort I had been given as a child. And, on a sunny afternoon shortly before it was time to come home, I went to the 200, and heard the voices of children speaking a language I still understood, and felt, if only for the moment, at peace.

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Give Labour's defence review a

fair wind, urges David Hart

George Robertson, the new Secretary of State, said that he intended to use outside specialists and sought consensus across the political spectrum. For the past four years I have advised two Defence Secretaries: Mal-colm Rifkind and Michael Portillo. Although I am an outsider, if not yet quite a specialist, I have no yet re-ceived the call from Mr Robertson. Perhaps he feels that including me in any group hoping to achieve consensus is beyond even new Labour. Accordingly, I offer a few

Although some of my friends at the ministry will disagree, there is no shortage of money in the defence budget. There is no need even to consider reducing commit-ments on budgetary grounds because there is still plenty of scope for further efficiencies and modernisation. The Defence Costs Study, which was a considerable success but could have been taken significantly further, needs to be taken to its next, logical stage

 a renewed effort to find efficiency savings coupled with radical reform of management processes.

First, a yardstick needs to be created The private and continually resector fined to measure how well the budget should have is being spent. That will be resisted by to take many senior officials. Even so, it must the risk be done. The only

sensible measure is ratio of budget to war-fighting capability. In other words, a measure of how much bang we actually get for our buck. Some may argue that there are imponderables that cannot be measured, such as the morale of fighting troops. But there are already effective ways to measure military capability in use in the MoD now.

Mr Rifkind set up an operaaudit group which reported directly to him and subsequently to Mr Portillo. Its task was to report on actual rather than paper capability. Both found it invaluable. The organisation, while praised by the more intelligent officials. made some enemies because it revealed embarrassing

weaknesses It is absolutely vital that it is not shunted into the wilderness. Mr Robertson needs to love it and use it not only to audit operational capability but also, with help from financial experts, to start to actually measure how well the ministry converts its budget.

The ministry has not been a good procurer and has been a worse maintainer. Wherever possible, risk should be transferred to the private sector. That means watertight fixedprice contracts for equipment and maintenance. Why not privatise the Procurement Executive and pay it a perfor-mance-related fee for each procurement? And all large maintenance operations should be done by the private sector, too.

There will be considerable resistance, particularly from the RAF, which likes to maintain its own aircraft. But it has

hen announcing his not been an efficient user of taxpayers money. It does need taxpayers' money. It does need a core of maintainers who are capable of being deployed into operational theatres where civilians cannot go. RAF personnel should be contracted to private-sector companies that provide maintenance to the MoD so that they are available for such deployment. The Royal Navy already has all its ships relitted by the private sector including its most prized Trident submarines. The relationship between ministers and decision-mak-

ing also needs urgent attention. There is far too little transparency. One glaring example is where senior officers. with the help of civil servants, conduct inter-Service trades. The business is done with great delicacy. An officer in the outer office of the chief of one Service will have a quiet word with an officer in the outer office of the chief of another Service. His man is not averse to the first chief's proposal for a particular equipment; could he possibly help with a propos-al that is close to the heart of his own chief?

The bargain is struck, the papers are written and the separate decisions are presented to ministers on separate

occasions for their approval. Ministers have no idea that a trade has taken place. The papers that they are given are often brilliantly argued and may well leave out facts and arguments that do not help the case. so the poor ministers has little choice but to

agree.

The size of the management apparatus is another cause of concern. There are still more civil servants than there are men and women in the Army. One area ripe for reduction is in the accounting departments. The traditional way of policing budgets is either for the centre to retain control, or for the Civil Service to scrutinise all significant spending decisions made by military officers. Both inhibit proper management. One of-

though he were surrounded by a "cloud of electrons". All budgets should be properly delegated with full authority. That one step would save hundreds of millions of pounds annually. And the scrutiny function should finally be abandoned and replaced by an annual audit, just as in the private sector. It will, of course, be resisted on the grounds of accountability to Parliament. In fact, private-

sector companies are much

ficer told me that he felt as

more accountable than military budget holders. For Mr Robertson to seek a bipartisan approach is thoroughly welcome, except apparently to the Conservative Opposition, which I regret. The defence of the realm is the highest duty of government and if it could be taken out of the political cockpit there would be greater stability in the Armed Forces. Mr Robertson has a great opportunity. Although he will be told that it is impossible, if he is bold he can save money and increase

our fighting capability.



# Europe on the defensive

erhans in next year's A-level economics paper the exam-iners will be asking the Guigou question. The Guigou question. The French Socialist Government wants to stop French car manufacturers shedding labour. The aim of this policy is to halt the rise of unemploy-

ment. What are the likely economic

consequences of such a policy?"

The correct "Angio-Saxon" answer to such a question would be: "The Guigou policy will raise unemployment, for two reasons: first, it will prevent French companies from raising levels of productivity in their existing plants, and will therefore make French cars less competitive: secondly it will encourage French companies to make new production investments in foreign countries where there are no such restraints on improving productivity." The correct "French" answer would be: "This policy will contribute to the social welfare of Europe by preventing the destruction of European jobs."

There is no doubt that this is Elizabeth Guigou's approach to employment policy. She is a powerful figure in the French Socialist Party, a former Minister for European Affairs. She has attacked Renault for the decision to close the Vil Voorde factory in Belgium. Her line has been supported by a colleague's attack on Peugeot for laying off workers in France. The reason that Renault and Peugeot are having to lay off these workers is that the French car market has collapsed. A fall of more than 20 per cent this year is expected to be followed by a further fall of over 10 per cent in the next 12 months.

French socialists still believe that "the Anglo-Saxons" - by which they mean all those who accept freemarket economics - are wrong, or at any rate that France is an exception. They think that Europe has a superior social economic tradition. and that interventions to protect producers from changes in the marketplace are both effective and good for society. It is not surprising that the French socialists believe this; all socialists used to believe it, as do many liberal Democrats in the United States, and many Christian democrats and left-wing conserva-

tives in Europe. Socialism was driven back in the 1990s only by the success of the Thatcher revolution in Britain, by the retreat from socialism in countries as far apart as China and Sweden, and.

As our anxious continent turns to the Left to create a comfort zone, we can

only become even less competitive

most of all, by the disintegration of

the Soviet Union. By 1990, many people thought that socialism, as a theory of economic organisation, was dead. But of course it is not. Socialism offers a systematic preference for the interest of producers, in this case the car workers, against that of consumers, in this case car buyers. Over time, it is in the interest of all producers to satisfy their customers, but in the short term the producer may well vote to be protected from competition. Socialism is sympathetic to this claim for protection. The effect of socialist intervention is to

slow down the response to change in consumer deexpressed mand. through markets; indeed, it slows the whole process of specialisation of function and divi-

sion of labour which allows economic advance to take place. Socialism is an anti-economic force, but it can be a popular one, particularly in a society

When a society turns to socialism, it means that it has gone on the defensive; the producer no longer equates competition with apportunity, but with danger. The French do indeed see the global market as a threat. Societies go on the defensive when they feel they are being outperformed by their competitors, and socialism seems to be a natural response. It is therefore a danger

In the past month parties of the Left have won elections in Britain and France. The French Socialists are real socialists, and they are going to be in coalition with the Communists. They believe that the French State can impose what they regard as social justice, that it has the right to take half the national income in taxes, and that it can impose its will on industry. The British Labour Party is no longer like that. Fortunately it is more socialist in its traditions than in its current beliefs. Nevertheless, even new Labour was elected as the party of the Left.

These two elections have taken the balance of the European Union far to the socialist or social democratic side.

As the table below shows, there are now ten social democratic parties which are in power either on their own. or as the leaders of coalition. Three more are junior parties in a coalition, though no one can foreast

whether the Irish Labour Party will survive in office after the forthcoming election. The only two countries where the socialist parties are not in office are Germany and Spain. The last formight has seen the German Government in disarray: there is no certainty that Chancellor Kohl will win the elections which are due next year. The European Union is now uncomfortably close to being a social

democratic zone. In Britain, we can take some comfort from the fact that our social democratic party is new Labour. Tony Blair has undoubtedly understood the nature of the competitive global economy, and has accepted the main themes of the Thatcher revolu-

THE LEFT IN EU STATES

IN POWER COALITION LEADERS COALITION MINORITY IN OPPOSITION

tion. The same can be said of the Dutch Labour Party, and of at least some leading German Social Democrats. Yet we should not take too much comfort from that. As Europe has swung so far to the Left, European policy is bound to be influenced by the ideas of the Left. Even a Blair government in the middle of a socialist Europe is going to be influenced by the policies of its partners. The Blair government will not go Guigou itself, but will have to adjust to some extent to the Guigouism of the French socialists.

urope would not have gone socialist in this way, against the tide of late 20th-century history, unless the European Right had made great mistakes. Maastricht went far to destroying the European parties of the Right by making them seem, or actually to be, the enemies of national prosperity. Yet even without Maastricht, Europe in the 1990s would have been failing the test of competitiveness. In terms of growth, it has fallen behind Asia. In terms of export competitiveness and financial strength, it has fallen behind Japan. In terms of technology, Europe has fallen behind the United States. It is a disastrous record, Is it any wonder that the EU is the unemployment blackspot of the industrial world?

The danger is that the socialist response to Europe's failure of competitiveness will make Europe progressively less competitive, that it will create a downward spiral of economic decline. Writing in 1936, the Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises observed: "The facts which are present in practically all the examples brought forward of the ageing of a culture are a decline in population, a diminution of welfare, and the decay of towns. In at least their early stages, these ominous signs can be seen in our European culture. Yet socialism, even in the form of social democracy, is the most ominous sign

One has only to compare the economy of East Germany with that of West Germany at the time of unification to see the economic consequences of full-scale socialism. Even social democracy is both a response to decline and a cause of further decline. France has voted to go on the defensive, but the continent of Europe cannot shut out the real world of competition.

### Not bad, for lotto clottos

Have faith in our

charities, says

### Magnus Linklater

harity begins at home is one of the bleaker Victorian expressions. It smacks of pursed lips and parochialism. Like many a grim christian stricture it was coined by St Paul: "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house," he wrote in his Epistle to Timothy, "he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

The National Lottery has attracted numerous insults since it was set up - "fat cats" is the latest - but has not so far been called an infidel. That may come. A hail of abuse has landed on the lottery's charities board for giving £25 million to projects abroad. A grant for tree-planting in the Solomon Islands caused particular offence, but aid for economic selfreliance in Uganda, and educating the children of Bedouin Arabs were among the grants subjected to ritual

invective.

The Sun led the chase in characteristic style. It set up an instant hotline and got 30,000 readers to protest. "Lotto Clotto" was the discerning headline it used to describe the board's spokesman. The Daily Mail piled it on: "Lottery Cash Goes Abroad," it complained. "UK children suffer while money goes to palm trees project in the Solomons." The mood was caught on the BBC when one of the panellists on Any Questions, attacked the notion of sending money abroad. "Charity in this instance definitely begins at home,"

he said to loud applause.

Any Questions has a knack of reflecting Middle England at its most chauvinist, or, to pinch a rather good phrase of George Melly's, "striking the cracked Pavlovian gong". More worrying is the possibility that it may chime as well with the Government's own thinking. It is clear from the wholesale assault on the directors of Camelot by the Heritage Secretary, Chris Smith, that the current operations of the National Lottery itself are in the firing line.

· SLAIR'S ( )

A White Paper, promised for next month, will outline government thinking which at this stage shows no evidence of enthusiasm for the status quo. Instead, there are plans for the midweek lottery to be diverted into new ventures such as a "Peoples" Lottery", which sounds more like an engine for social change than a means of enhancing the life of the nation

Ministers should, however, curb their more rapacious instincts and look coolly at what the lottery has achieved before tearing it apart. Whatever their faults, the directors of Camelot have delivered a highly efficient operation, with profits greatly exceeding initial estimates. The money has benefited worthwhile causes, from brass bands to community arts centres (I quickly declare an Arts Council interest, but plead the defence of factual reporting), as well as refurbishing crumbling museums and helping to build Britain's nascent film industry. They represent a Peoples' Lottery in everything but

And so, too, do the tree-planters of the Solomon Islands. There, the rainforests have been almost wiped out by foreign logging companies, with devastating effects on the environment. A sum of about £20,000 is not much, but it will go to help families manage their local forests. replanting on a modest scale to begin redressing the balance and perhaps rescuing a fragile ecology.

To claim that no one in Britain

who buys a lottery ticket is interested in the plight of a few distant islanders is the height of arrogance. In my experience of newspaper campaigns, only cancer and children outweigh foreign causes in eliciting support. Certainly in Scotland, the response to disasters abroad has been heartfelt. Regular convoys of lorries carried aid to Bosnia throughout the war, and continue to do so in its aftermath. funded entirely by Scottish dona-tions. In Britain as a whole, 15 per cent of all charity donations already go to help causes abroad - the largest single area of charity giving. The Charities Board, vilified by the tabloid press (and the occasional Tory minister) ever since it was launched, has in fact turned out to be

one of the National Lottery's great success stories. Luke Firzherbert, of the Directory of Social Change, highly critical of some of the lottery's other branches, believes it has done "a bloody good job", largely because it has brought detailed and objective assessment procedures to the previously haphazard system of giving. Its guidelines require it to be fair to every region, and even-handed in support-ing different areas of charity work. Those guidelines also enjoin it to help UK charities working abroad, and the £25 million it committed last

the total. So far it has given £500 million to nearly 8,000 charities in Britain - not bad for a "lotto clotto" The Government should avoid making hasty changes to the lottery set-up. it should take a long look at what is working well within the organisation, rather than condemning it wholesale. And it should, above all. resist the temptation to be parochial. As one of the board members put it: "Charity may begin at home, but it doesn't necessarily end there.

week represents about 5 per cent of

# Written off

handed Martin Bell his mandate as the constituency's new MP has Neil Hamilton suffered such a rebuff. After sending begging let-ters to all manner of London literary agents, he has received a sackful of rejections.

This bodes ill for a man who said in defeat: "If I am no longer an MP, then I will have to gain my income

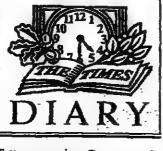
from books and journalism."

A flurry of radio and television appearances inunediately after the election was followed by a foothardy appearance with his terrifying wife Christine on Have I Got News for You. Hamilton's new tack is to pursue the promise of the written

At a party to celebrate the 50th birthday of Pan, the publishers, a number of literary agents con-firmed that they had been approached by Hamilton. Furthermore, none of them admitted to signing him up.

Yesterday, at his London home — the Cheshire house is reportedly going to be offered for sale -Christine was dismissive of inquiries: "If Neil wants to talk to you

about it, he will phone you." Presumably, Hamilton proposes to write "the truth" about the



Tatton campaign. One agent who rejected Hamilton's advances sug-gested an alternative title. Neil Hamilton's Guide to Sleaze.

### Royal rebutt

THE ROYAL Family treasures its Sunday afternoon tea, but the Duke of Kent's reaction to an application by a restaurant neighbouring St James's Palace to allow a jazz band to play on Sunday afternoons seems extreme.

The Duke, with the support of his local friends, has written to Westminster Council to object to a planned relaxation in "the music and entertainment licence" by The Avenue restourant, a haunt of par-

liamentarians and rock stars.

"If we were opening a topless go-go joint, I would understand," said Christopher Bodker, the proprietor. "But all we are planning is some jazz on a Sunday lunchtime." The Duke is seldom present at his St James's office on a Sunday, but his henchman confirmed yesterday that he was against the exten-

"Like all the other objectors, he considers this to be the street of kings." he said. Westminster Council, which admits that such a forceful objection from a member of the Royal Family is unusual. is considering the case today.

### In favour

TWO years after he cut back on his public fundraising for the Labour Party. Ken Follett, the novelist, is back in favour. Once the fulcrum of Neil Kinnock's champagne so-cialist set, he faded under Tony Blair's regime. With his wife Barbara now an MP, however. Follett has been having meetings with David Blunken, the Education Secretary, about promoting literacy in schools and making 1998 the Year

The Department for Education was unwilling to provide any further information on the meetings. Perhaps the renewed relationship

AFTER his dinner with Tony Blair at the pretentious Pont de la Tour in London last week, Bill Clinton was back on the heavy stuff yesterday as Chancellor Kohl arrived in Washington. The two were planning to return to Filomenas, a traditional Italian restaurant in Georgetown, where they are in 1994. That time, the two men got through carpaccio, mari-nated seafood, a selection of cheeses and cured meats, crab stuffed mushrooms, battered shrimp in orange sauce, sautéed squid, ravioli filled with spinach and veal, and zabaglione in mar-

Austria Finland



The Folletts: in Labour's bosom

sala to finish. This time, says the White House, the President is on a diet and it will be more of a working supper. Neither they, nor the restaurant, however, will be making the same mistake of revealing the menu. Beat that . . .

YESTERDAY evening saw the aunch of an extraordinary new book, Woman Behind Bars in Romania, by Annie Samuelli, a Romanian imprisoned in her own country for 12 years after the Second World War. Now 8b. and living in Paris, Mrs Samuelli tells the true story of her incurceration and that of her fellow prisoners in Romania's awful women's prisons.

One story in particular catches the eye. A woman arrived in the jail one day, having been heaten all over her back by her guards. Yet she was beaming beatifically. "Why are you so happy?" asked her fellow prisoners. "When I was young. I had a handsome lover who would do the same thing to me," she replied. When they beat me, I was reminded of him."

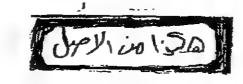
### Beirne out

ONE of Grub Street's best-known paparazzi is leaving Lundon for Los Angeles. Brendan Beirne, who

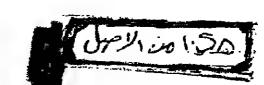


specialised in pictures of celebrities

pushing him away, was the man attacked by Diana, Princess of Wales, when he took pictures of her outside a gym last Easter. She strode over and demanded his film. When he refused. Diana solicited the help of a rugged passerby to half-netson him and grab the film. Not that this had anything to do with his departure.



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a few years ago showed how much more rural traffic we could expect if

the then Government's road traffic

forecasts proved to be correct. We

therefore embarked on a series of ex-

periments with highway authorities

and rural communities to develop

practical solutions. We shall publish

But all of this will be to little avail

unless we all find ways of encourag-

ing people to think differently about

car use and to accept a broader social

responsibility. That is the real message for the UK.

John Dower House, Crescent Place,

Sir, Isn't Simon Jenkins being a little

unfair to Glenda Jackson and her

the Secretary of State for the Environ-

ment was making repeated calls for

less dependence on the motor car, his

colleagues at the Department of

Transport were continuing to pour

money into bigger and better roads at

What we have now, apparently, is a

green Minister of Transport, and a

chance therefore of a co-ordinated

policy for the benefit of the environ-

ment. "Breathe Easy" may be only a

small step, but it's a step in the right

Sir, One of the new Government's

first moves towards its transport

policy objectives should be to reverse.

in its forthcoming Budget, the tax re-

gime under which concessions are

available for running company cars

but not for the purchase of season

Social Charter 1961, article 6, and the

International Labour Organisation

Conventions No 87 of 1947 and No 98

Measures emanating from the

European Commission have so far

concentrated upon rights of consulta-

tion only. The new employment chap-

ter will do well to introduce both

rights to consult and a right to

negotiate collectively where a majority

of the employees in an employment

Our own Government would no

doubt find itself able to support such a

provision in the light of the manifesto

commitment to such a right of negoti-

ation, the implementation of which has so far had to be deferred.

the expense of public transport.

Under the last Government, while

the results in the autumn.

RICHARD WAKEFORD.

Country side Commission.

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Anthony Wethered

Breathe-Easy Week"?

Yours etc.

direction.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY WETHERED.

Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Remnantz, West Street.

From Mr B. J. Goodchild

tickets on public transport.

Yours faithfully, BARRY GOODCHILD,

36 Hinton Road,

unit vote for it.

Yours sincerely.

Wallington, Surrey.

Chief Executive,



### THE CLARKE WAGON

Dorrell climbs on board: others poke spokes in the wheels

The first casualty of the Conservative leadership campaign came yesterday before blood could even be shed. Facing a humiliatingly low vote in next Tuesday's first ballot, Stephen Dorrell concluded that he would do better to withdraw now and throw his support behind Kenneth Clarke. Whether he can nudge his small band of supporters in the same direction remains to be seen.

The two men made much yesterday of the "new unity" that this action symbolised. All it actually represented was a unifying of the Left. Had Mr Clarke's prize new supporter been Peter Lilley, it would have been another maner. But, for the moment at least, the voting map does not need to be redrawn. All that has happened is that Mr Clarke may now win second preference votes in the first ballot that would otherwise have come to him the following week.

The Shadow Chancellor's stock, however, seems to be rising. In the country he is clearly the most popular potential leader. His personality is bigger and more rumbustious than those of his rivals. He is engagingly frank and has proved his combativeness in the Commons. He also m possesses great resilience, a vital require-

ment for opposition. In Parliament, now that he is the only candidate on the Left. Mr Clarke can be assured of support from his natural constituency. But there are some MPs in the centre and on the Right who are leaning towards him too. Some believe that he will be the most effective leader in Opposition, and that he will not have a chance to put his unsound views on Europe into action in Government. Others, of a generation that might just still be able to hold ministerial office, are prepared to put ideological differences aside in order to have a chance, any chance, of serving in Government again. They console themselves that events in France and Germany make EMU ever less likely; and

that, if monetary union does come about, it will be under the "fudged" criteria that Mr Clarke is prepared to oppose.

But what if EMU goes ahead and is judged by its supporters to be a success? What would Mr Clarke do in Opposition if the Government decided to join? Worse, what might he do in Government? These questions should be asked by all those who believe that the single currency is the most important matter for this Parliament and the next. Mr Clarke tried to play EMU down at his press conference yesterday, denying that it was critical either in this leadership election or for the next five years.

Disdain for the views of others is Mr Clarke's most dangerous weakness. He does not just disagree with the majority of his party; he wishes they did not exist. Yet the tide in the Tory party is running away from him. If he cannot reach an accommodation with the Right, he will never unite the party.

In this respect, his position resembles that of Denis Healey in 1980. Mr Healey, a moderate, would certainly have been a more electable leader of the Labour Party than Michael Foot. But he would have no truck with the views of the Left, which was then in the ascendant. It took 14 years for the tide in the party to run in Tony Blair's direction.

Indeed, if Mr Clarke were to lead the Conservative Party, he might well find himself to the left of Mr Blair on key issues. It looks as if the Prime Minister will be true to his word in introducing radical reforms to the welfare state, an institution that Mr Clarke defends as if the design of 1945 could not be improved upon. The Shadow Chancellor shows an inflexible attachment to ideas formed in the 1960s - especially on Europe - that he seems quite unwilling to reassess in the light of events. But then, had he been prepared to adjust his sights on Europe three years ago, he would be leader of the Conservative Party by now.

### **BLAIR'S CHINESE BOX**

### The Prime Minister should go to Hong Kong — and speak out

For China, the reversion of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty at midnight on June 30 is an occasion for national celebration. It will also be an important international rite of passage for China, Britain and above all Hong Kong itself, witnessed by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, and 4,000 other dignitaries as well as the world's press. China's most senior ministers have said that they want the atmosphere to be friendly, hinting at their hopes of a "fresh start" in Sino-British relations. A cordial relationship with China is equally in the interests both of Britain and of Hong Kong.

The Chinese would like Tony Blair to be there. So would Hong Kong's people. But Mr Blair's diary for the day remains blank. His final decision has been complicated by a late change of plan announced by Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's Chief Executive designate, which puts Britain in an extremely awkward position.

Up to midnight, the Hong Kong Government has laid on an uncontentious programme of military parades, local entertainments and a banquet presided over by the Prince of Wales. Nor is there any problem with the formal handover ceremony at midnight. Mr Blair should not be swayed by the continuing uncertainty as to whether President Zhiang Zemin will lead the Chinese delegation. Responsibilities take precedence over protocol.

The problem exercising Downing Street and the Foreign Office arises after the Prince of Wales and Chris Patten, the Governor, then leave and ministers, diplomats and guests move to a different hall for the final, Chinese events. What was expected was the swearing in of Mr Tung. his Executive Council and senior judges and civil servants; but added to this will now be the official inauguration of the provisional legislature appointed to take over from the Legislative

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Council elected in 1995, which Chirta has

decided to abolish. Unless the plan is changed. British ministers cannot be present - as Robin Cook has already made clear. To stay would make them a party to legitimising a body which Britain maintains has no legal standing either under the 1984 Sino-British treaty or in China's Basic Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, both of which say that its legislature shall be elected. Since the United States has also condemned the dismantling of Hong Kong's elected legislature, Ms Albright is in the same position as Britain and will leave early.

This move reflects the lack of confidence that China has shown about Hong Kong since Tiananmen, remembered last night in Hong Kong by a 60,000-strong crowd. China has no need to make a point about sovereignty. If it is concerned to avoid a legal vacuum, the swearing-in of the Chief Executive suffices. To have pushed the provisional legislature into the limelight in this way is as unwise as it is unnecessary. China itself has promised early fresh elections to find a replacement, a tacit acceptance of the problem with its makeshift response to Hong Kong's electoral reforms.

Britain cannot stop the new administration from proceeding; but China cannot escape the awkward consequences. Wisdom lies in minimising the damage; were the Chinese to respond, for example, by boycotting the earlier events, the new Hong Kong will make a thoroughly inauspicious start. That is a matter for China. Mr Blair should go to Hong Kong but he should also do more. It is an occasion to speak out firmly about his belief in civil liberties, the rule of law and a credible, accountable legislature - the foundations of Hong Kong's success. At this historic moment, the British Prime Minister should be both seen and heard.

### THE FINEST FISHERBIRD

The British cormorant escapes the European net

Thousands of years after the trick was first perfected, Asian fishermen still lean over the prows of their boats clutching strings knotted to the legs of cormorants. So efficient are these birds at catching fish that a wellstocked reservoir can be emptied in a few winter weeks by hungry flocks. Anglers see cormorants as the "vultures of the water" and are quick to pronounce anathemas on their competitors for the river's catch. Indeed, angling magazines are full of fishermen's tales not only of the ones that got away but of those snatched away in a flash of feathers. Only when the Angling Times declared in a headline that These Birds Must be Killed", did the authorities step in. Almost all birds in Britain are legally protected, and the former editor has been charged with incitement to kill cormorants.

But celebrations by ornithologists have been soured by a decision in Brussels that anglers hope may yet open a chink in the legal armour protecting the cormorant. A scientific committee has decided that the continental cormorant. Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis - whose numbers have soared from 5,000 in 1979 to more than 100,000 today - no longer needs the majesty of a European directive to keep it alive.

The special regime which enjoins governments to protect the bird's habitat is to be ended. Carbo sinensis is no longer a

fisherman with a clear stretch of water. Britain has long had its own cormorant optout. Our island coastal cormorants, Phalacrocorax carbo carbo, like the human species, are a breed apart and have evaded the net of legislation cast from Brussels. They will remain protected under national law, and Britain is free to prosecute all who would do them harm.

Anglers are a powerful lobby, with almost more clout than the combined bureaucracies of Brussels and Whitehall. They insist that our native cormorants are encroaching on inland waters as aggressively as a European functionary who has espied a new activity to regulate. Not a river or lake, reservoir or hatchery is now safe from their depredations. Politicians, they say, have tried to put clear, blue water between Britain and those who would control this island's environment; but clear, blue water for a cormorant is an invitation to a fine feast.

The guardians of the countryside, however, are not to be swayed. Britain has a fine record in protecting its wildlife, in hedgerows or in the air. Cormorants have been lured inland by anglers stocking lakes and rivers with more fish than nature would otherwise provide. Who can blame nature's finest fisherman, whose speed and grace outstrips the sedentary human, for taking advantage of this new abundance?

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### Priorities for new Tory party leader

From Mr J. E. Hilliard

Sir, Last week's letter from seven former Conservative MPs (May 30) suggests that the prime duty of the party leader is to get them or their successors back into the House.

In truth the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition has the infinitely more important task of marshalling, in the most telling manner possible, arguments against the government measures perceived not to be in the

national interest.

Firness to fill that role should determine the choice of leader. There are, immediately and for the future, matters of greater weight than the chance of success at a general election in five years' time.

JOHN HILLIARD. uq Gales Drive, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex.

From Mr Robert Rodwell

Sir, Sir Jim Lester and others do not seem to have fully accepted why they, and many other former Conservative Members of Parliament, lost their seats on May I.

They were not voted out on economic issues. Britain's recent performance is excellent. They lost crucial traditional support because of the Conservative Party's failure to recognise the deep public disquiet over the EU's federalist ambitions.

It is no coincidence that three of the signatories — Peter Butler (Milton Keynes North East). Tim Rathbone (Lewes) and Mark Robinson (Somerton and Frome) - lost their seats as a direct result of the intervention of the Referendum Party.

Those Conservatives who voted for their Referendum Party opponents would love to return to the fold but are unlikely to do so if the party elect a closet federalist as their leader and select like-minded people as their candidates for the next election.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT RODWELL (Referendum Party candidate, Somerton and Frome). Lamyatt Lodge. Nr Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

From Mr Phillip Oppenheim

Sir, Conservative disunity was a key reason for Labour's victory on May I. Internal arguments obscured our growing economic success and prevented us from countering Labour's effective but spurious sound-bite poli-

That is a mistake we must not repeat. I recognise that people have strong views on Europe - I share many of them. But we must now look forward, not backward. The new Conservative leader must make his priority the issues which concern ordinary people - education, health, law and order and, above all, the economy.

All the available candidates for the leadership have excellent qualities. I have been fortunate enough to work as a minister for Michael Portillo and Ian Lang. But I also worked with Ken Clarke as a minister or his PPS over seven years and in four departments, so I have some idea of his qualities.

Apart from his credentials as one of the most consistent free-marketeers in the Conservative Party. Ken Clarke will be seen as the Chancellor who built solidly on achievements of his predecessors to deliver the best economic prospects for generations. Above all, he is a tough fighter who knows how to craft powerful but attractive messages to the people.

Those are qualities needed to rebuild the party. Clear blue water may be enticing and initially bracing, but it can get very cold - especially if there is no firm land to swim to.

Yours faithfully, PHILLIP OPPENHEIM (Conservative MP for Amber Valley, 1983-97) 29 Redhurn Street, SW3.

From Mr Stephen V. Straker Sir, Would it be fair to assume that the seven former Tory MPs are in their particular position because they are supporters of Ken Clarke?

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN STRAKER. Cromden Lodge, Manor Road, Reigate, Surrey.

From the Reverend Anthony West

Sir. In spite of their enthusiasm for Kenneth Clarke as a prospective leader of the Conservative Party, I am afraid that Sir Jim Lester and others do not stand a chance of regaining seats in the House of Commons all the time they continue to use split infinitives ["... to decisively move on ..."]. In anticipating a new vicar's ascent

of the pulpit steps a church warden said to him: "Ten minutes only and no split infinitives." We have to get our priorities right.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY WEST, 2 Abbots Walk. Cerne Abbas, Dorset. May 30.

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### Incentives to leave the car at home

From the Editor of New European

Sir. I loved Simon Jenkins's article. "Tear up these roads to ruin" (May 30 The message is almost 40 years overdue but it is good to hear it speit out loud and clear at last.

I believe there was some question in Brussels a few years ago about putting out a directive barring all cars over D years old from being driven on public roads. I tried to say then that, if Brussels wanted to do something really good for a change, it would ban all cars under 20 years old.

Some sort of compromise has to be found, and I believe that encouraging people to think of their car as a mode of peripheral transport could help greatly: public transport must be for normal use, and the car perceived as a special treat for special occasions.

Why not give a railcard with every annual car tax disc for the motorist and his family to ride on buses and trains at, say, half fare" That, combined with allowing the price of fuel to go through the roof (through taxation if necessary), should provide a premy effective incentive for most of us to relax and let somebody else ferry us

Yours faithfully. JOHN COLEMAN. Editor. New European, 1+in Carroun Road, SWS.

From the Chief Executive of the Countryside Commission

Sir. Simon Jenkins highlights the national dilemma. We all want the next person to take the bus to reduce the congestion we suffer. We expect to do most of our shopping in supermarkets without stopping to consider how the corner shopkeeper will make the profits he needs to stay in business.

In rural areas exercising choice in education often means driving children to school. How many of us, in the countryside, take on new jobs or choose new homes with any expectation that we will not use the car between the two?

Politics are important in tackling this issue. But so is individual decision-taking. Good planning is a start in getting homes, shops, schools and workplaces well related. But it will deliver no benefit unless people take different decisions as a result.

Countryside Commission research

### Employment chapter

From Professor Lord Wedderburn

Sir, The Foreign Secretary has made clear the Government's support for a new "employment chapter" in the EU treaty ("Jobs and EMU get equal billing by Cook", Business, May 29).

Such a chapter is expected to include provisions on rights relating to health and safety, information and consultation and protection for those excluded from the labour market.

There is no good reason for it to omit what have come to be called other "core labour rights", such as a ban on forced labour, a right to organise and support for collective

bargaining. That support is already required of member States by other international sources, such as the Council of Europe

Hatton Gallery's fate

Sir. The threatened closure of the Hat-

ton Gallery by Newcastle University (report, May 31) is a worrying remind-

er of the precarious funding of our

non-national museum collections. The Hatton is a distinguished collection: not only is it a great teaching resource

for the university but it is also open to

the public free of charge. Closure

would fly in the face of the new Heri-tage Secretary's commitment to edu-

It would be shameful if such an im-

pressive collection were to close in

order to make savings of £45,000 a

year. We recognise that the university is facing budgetary cuts of 6 per cent

over the next three years, but the gal-lery's director is confident that, given

time, he could raise the necessary

We hope the university will recon-

sider what appears to be a hastily-

conceived plan, and will enter into

consultations on the Hatton's long-

National Art Collections Fund,

7 Cromwell Place, SW7.

funds from other sources.

National Art Collections Fund

From the Director of the

### 29 Woodside Avenue, No.

WEDDERBURN of CHARLTON,

Personality research From Mr Tom Heritage

Sir, You report (May 26) that the Medical Research Council (MRC) has granted E640,000 to psychiatrists to scan the spectrum of human personality" in their hunt for the genes that control depression and anxiety and to research whether these states of mind

David Fulker, of the Institute of Psychiatry, says that he's not looking for manic-depressives or schizophrenics, but "relatively normal people who feel down in the mouth occasionally".

I think I can save the MRC its

money, and the Institute of Psychiatry a lot of effort. Feeling down in the mouth occasionally is, indeed, genetically passed on.
Feelings of, for instance, inade-quacy, low self-esteem, anxieties

about money or over-conscientiousness, far from being symptoms of a disorder, are surely perfectly rational responses to particular situations. Perhaps one really is isolated, inadequate or strapped for cash. There is no pill for what ails these

folk. It's called the human condition.

Yours faithfully, TOM HERITAGE, Friars, The Crescent, Thorpe le Soken, Essex. May 26.

### Cherie Blair

term future.

Director,

June 4.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID BARRIE,

From Mr Peter Hitchens

Sir. Not for the first time I am forced to rebut allegations about the Prime Minister's wife and me (article, "Why Cherie is no Hillary Clinton". May

Our connection was brief, if intense. Researches which I conducted over a year ago attracted attention because I was interested not in Cherie Blair's hair, nor her taste in clothes, nor her smile, nor even the court cases in which she appears, but in her political opinions.

Since she has stood for Parliament, made public speeches and has openly

stated that she hopes to be a High Court judge, I thought and still think that my inquiries were legitimate. I also think that I showed rather more respect for her as an accomplished and independent woman than those who comment on her appearance or her shopping habits.

It is more than a year since I last wrote anything substantial about her. I am happy to be called persistent, but how does this make me a "fanatic"?

Yours faithfully. PETER HITCHENS (Assistant Editor). The Express. 245 Blackfriars Road, SEI. May 2S.

### Time for action to clean up world

From the Chairman of the UN Environment and Development UK Committee and others

Sir, June 5 is World Environment Day. Five years ago in Rio world lead-ers gathered to define a comprehensive action programme for protecting the world's environment and promoting more sustainable development. In two weeks' time they will be meeting again in New York to review progress.

Good things have happened on some topics in some parts of the world. Many local communities and local authorities throughout the world have been extremely active in improving their environments and making a reality of sustainable development. Some businesses have transformed their operations, reducing waste and pollution, providing a good example for what others could do. Some governments have begun to change their policies on energy, transport, agriculture, industry, housing and their fis-

cal structures. But a tremendous amount remains to be done. The New York meeting, and the G7 summit in Denver which precedes it, provide a great opportu-

nity for a new political impetus. The preparatory process has identified some of the opportunities. There could be a new global initiative to protect the world's fresh water supplies and make supplies available in the many areas which suffer from

drought and water shortage. There could be agreements to protect the world's forests and oceans; on the way forward to the Kyoto conference later this year, which is intended to reduce the risk of unmanageable climate change; and to find new ways of helping the poorest countries in Africa and elsewhere to achieve real

development in a sustainable way. The technical preparations have largely been made. Now what is needed is the political vision and leadership to catch the imagination of the world and give the whole process a new momentum. The Labour Government has a great opportunity to give a lead in New York.

Yours etc, DEREK OSBORN. Chairman, United Nations Environment and Development UK Committee, ALEXANDER of WEEDON. Chairman. National Westminster Bank plc. JOHN HARMAN, Leader, Kirklees Metropolitan Council. JOHN HOUGHTON. Chairman, Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. FIONA REYNOLDS. Director, Council for the Protection of Rural England, RICHARD SANDBROOK. Director, International Institute for Environment and Development.

c/o United Nations Association - UK.

### Irish potato famine

3 Whitehall Court, SWI.

From Dr Richard N. Strange

Sir, Should some be misled into thinking that politicians or any other group of people were entirely to blame for the terrible Irish potato famine of the 1840s (reports, June 2), the real devils were a disease of the plant caused by a fungus, Phytophthora infestans, and the lack of effective resistance genes in

the crop. At the time, neither was understood since neither the germ theory of disease nor the concept of the gene as the unit of inheritance had gained common currency. It is perhaps worth adding that the structure of the first gene for resistance to a plant disease was established only in 1993.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD N. STRANGE (Senior lecturer in plant pathology). Department of Biology, Darwin Building, Gower Street, WCI.

### Added ingredients From Mr Alfred Finer

Sir. You report (May 28) the claim that Israel was sending chewing gum laced with aphrodisiacs to the Palestinian Authority. I would be most obliged to your correspondent in Sharm el Sheikh if he could discover the name of the confection.

Yours faithfully, ALFRED FINER, 16 Regency House, Regents Park Road, N3.

### Infernal bells

From Mr Peter Knottley

Sir. A daily cyclist for many years, I long ago found on the market a bicycle bell which not only fits neatly below the handlebars (letter, May 3i), but can be so attached that it may be used without having to move one's hands from their positions ready to use the brakes.

But I find the main use of a bicycle bell to be that of a greeting to friends and acquaintances seen along the way; should I use it for any other purpose I consider that my roadmanship has been in some way at fault.

Yours sincerely. PETER KNOTTLEY. 32 Mickleham Gardens, Cheam, Surrey.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 4: His Excellency Señor Santiago Oñate was received in audience by The Queen and pre-sented the Letters of Recall of his predenessor and his own Letters of United Mexican States to the Court of St James's.

Señora de Oñate was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

The Governor-General of Barbados was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George Lady Husbands was also re-

crived by The Queen.

Sir David Ramsbotham (Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales) was received by The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to Dinner at Spencer House, London SWI, this evening by the Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter to mark Her Majesty's and His Royal Highness's Golden Wedding Anniver-sary and were received by the Lord Carrington (Chancellor of the

()rder). Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and The

Duke of Kent were present. His Royal Highness, Field Marshal, this morning inspected the in-Pensioners at the Rounder's Day Parade, the Royal Hospital. Chelsea, London SW3.

Her Majesty was represented by the Lord Camoys (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Rippon of Hexham ta former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St Mar-

garet's Church Westminster
Abbey today.
The Queen was represented by
Sir Isaiah Berlin OM at the
Mcmorial Service for Dame
Veronica Wedgwood OM which was held in the Temple Church

this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was anted by Sir Michael Attyah

Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger

Holloway.

Mr Christopher Saunders and Sir James

Mr Kenneth Clarke,

QC, MP, gave an address.

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Boston of Faversham, QC and the Speaker by Mr Michael Lord, Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, Mr John Major, Leader of HM Opposition, and Lord Richard, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, also attended. Among

nothers present were:
Lady Rippon of Henham (widow), the Hon Simon Rippon (son), the Hon Flona Rippon. the Hon Flona Rippon. the Hon Mrs Surah Taylor and the Hon Mrs Penelope Rue (daughters), Mr James Taylor, Mr Alexander Taylor and Albertine Rae (grandchildren), Mrs M J Dean Islster in-law). Mr Paul Rippon, Mrs M J Dean Islster in-law). Mr Paul Rippon, Mrs Miss Alber Rippon, Mr Guy Rippon, Mr and Mrs H Toobe, Mr and Mrs Phillip Yeomato, Mrs Fleur Fraser, Mr F C Freeman, Miss Barbara Freeman, Mr Robert Jeans, Mr Michael Taylor, Mr Simon Rae.

The Marquess of Downshire, Many Countess of Bessborough and Ms Evangeline Hunter-Jones (Friends of the Benjamin Frunklin Centre, Viscount Ridley, Viscount Cranborne, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord MacKay of Ardbrecknish, Lord Ackner, QC, and Lady Ackner, Lord Amphilli, Lord Blaker, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Carrington, Lord Carrington, Lord Carlot of Hilhead Lord and Lady Murran of Lindistame, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord and Lady Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Parkinson, Lord and Lady

Luncheons

PPP healthoure foundation.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Clive Martin and the Common Cryer

Martin and the Common Cryer and Serjeani-al-Arms, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the PPP healthcare foundation held yesterday at Wax Chandlers' Hall. Sir Peter Gadsden, chairman, was the host. Professor Richard Begent, Mr Jerry Gilmore, and members of the heard agent among those present

board were among those present.

The Archbishop of Camerbury

was the guest of honour at a luncheon hosted by John Lee, Chairman of ALVA, at the British

Museum yesterday. Those present

Were:
Brigadler Robert Acwarth, Dr Robert
Anderson. Sharon Ament. Dickle
Arbiter, Alex Beard, Dr Alax Borg.
Canon Peter Brett. Robin Broke, Par
Cade. Sir Nell Cossons, Martin Drury,
Richard Foster. Graham Greene,
Angela Godwin, Dylan Hammond,
Diane Higgins, Geoffrey House,
David Hudd, Canon David Hut,
Michael Jolly, John Lavin. Alan
MacGregor, the Duke of Maribarough,
Robert Montgoniery, John Murphy,
Mark Ogborne. Dr Andrew Purids,
Jean Banking, Geoffrey Thompson.
Canon John Toy, Jeffrey West.

Glaziers Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs
and their ladies attended the

and their jadies attended the Glaziers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr M.C. Tosh, Master, assisted by Mr G.C. Bond, Upper Warden, and Mr

G.D. Cracknell, Renter Warden, presided. The Lord Mayor and

Canon Roger Royle also spoke.

Among others present were.

The High Commissioner for Canada, Sir Brian Tovey and the Masters of the Vintners'. Painter-Stutiers' Tobacco Pipe Majers' and Tobacco Blenders'. Scientific Instrument Makers', Launderer' and Merchant Taylors' of York Companies and the Master of the York Guild of Scriveners.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Bt, OBE,

was Guest of Honour and Speaker

at a Club Evening on Tuesday, June 3. The title of his address was

"Travels without my Aunt". The Club Chairman. Sir Peregrine

Immigration Judges

The following have been elected as the executive committee of the

President, Mr Brian Watkins: Deputy President, Ms Catriona Jarvis: Vice President, Mr Hyas Khan: Secretary, Ms Shazadi Beg: Treasurer, Ms Rosie Mannion.

Council of Immigration Judges:

Dinners

Transport Com

Rhodes, presided.

The Council of

Association of Leading Visitor

QC, MP, gave an address.

er read the lessons. Mr Kenneth Clarke,

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** June 4: The Princess Royal, Colorel-in-Chief. Royal Corps of Sig-nals, this morning visited 2l Signal Regiment (Air Support) at Azimghur Barracks, Colerne, Wiltshire.

Wiltshire.
Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Great Western Designer Outlet Village. Churchward Retail Park, Swindon, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Lieutenant-General Sir

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 4: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morning presided at a Council

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Braywick Nurseries, Maidenhead to open the Braywick Heath Scheme and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton),

KENSINGTON PALACE June 4: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon today visited West Glamorgan and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

Mr Robert Hastie).
Her Royal Highness opened the Gwalia Housing Group's Swansca Foyer in Alexandra Road.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon subsequently visited the Grand Theatre, Swan sea, to mark its Centenary, and was entertained to Luncher

Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited the Liewellyn Alms-houses, Leonard Road, Neath, to celebrate their Centenary. KENSINGTON PALACE June 4: Princess Alice, Duchess of

Gloucester, Patron, the Friends of Lichfield Cathedral, this afternoon received Mrs RJ. Newton and Mrs P. Pallett.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE June 4: The Duke of York this morning unveiled statues of Field Marshal Montgomery and a World War II soldier at a ceremony held at the D-Day Museum. Southsea, Portsmouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will inspect the Yeo-man of the Guard at Buckingham Palace at 11.30. Later, she will attend Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards Parade at 4,30pm.

The Prince of Wales will visit Middlesbrough Football Club's Riverside Stadium at 10.00; will visit Hall Garth School, Hall Drive, Acklam at 11.35; will visit the Teesside Hospice Care Foundation. I Northgate Road, Linthorpe at 12.40; will visit the Hartlepool Civic Centre, Victoria Road at 2.25; will visit Hartlepool Art Gallery, Church Square at 2.45; and will visit Hartlepool Marina and tour HMS Trincomalee at 3.25. Later, he will attend a concert in Ripon Cathedral at 7.00. The Princess Royal, as Patron. National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will chair the 15th meeting of the advisory board at Church House at 10.30; and as Patron, the Basic Skills Agency. she will present the Secundary Schools Quality Mark Presenta-tion at Buckingham Palace at 2.00. Later, as Patron, The Development

Trust (for the Mentally Handi-

capped), she will attend a reception

at Buckingham Palace at 6.05 to

mark the 10th anniversary of the

trust; and as president. Save the Children Fund, will attend the Children in Cities gala dinner at Guildhall at 7.40.

Princess Margaret. as President, NSPCC, will open the society's new centre in Fountain Street, St Peter Port, Guernsey, at 2.30; will attend a reception at Cambridge Park for committee members and supporters at 2.55; and will name the new lifeboat at St Peter Port Harbour, at 3.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open new technology buildings at Carr Hill High School, Kirkham, Lancashire, at 11.10; as Grand Prior, the Order of St John, will open the refurbished county headquarters at Fulwood. Preston at 12.15; will onen the Lancashire and Lakeland Radiotherapy Unit at the Royal Preston Hospital, at 1.50; and will open the Eaves Brook Housing Association's Development at

Deepdale, at 2.55. The Duke of Kent, as President, the Scout Asynciation, will of-ficially open the refurbished Ba-den-Powell House, and tour the offices at Queen's Gate, London SW7 at 10.00. Later, as Colonel. Scots Guards, he will attend a dinner with officers attending the Queen's Birthday Parade at Wellington Barracks, at 8.15.

### Memorial service



Margaret Drabble, the

author, is 58 today

Miss Moira Anderson, singer, 57; Lady Attenborough, 75; Professor R. Angus Buchanan, founder. Centre for the History of Technol-

ogy Science and Society, Bath University, 67; Viscount Cobham,

54: Miss Ann Curnow. QC. 62; Mr A. R. Dawson, former rugby player, 65; Miss B.E. de Cardi, archaeologist, 83; Sir John Dellow, former Deputy Commissioner,

Metropolitan Police, 66; Mr Robert Drayson, former Head-master, Stowe School, 78; the Earl

of Dundee, 48; Mr D.A. East, former Chief Constable. South

Wales Constabulary, 51: Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, 48: Mr David Hare, playwright, 50: Mr

Simon Hopkinson, restaurateur, chef and writer, 43; Sir Jack Jacob,

QC, former Senior Master of the

Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, 89; Mr Justice Kirkwood.

53: Mr Neil Milligan, trade unionist, 71: Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 43: Mr Roger Nightingale, economist

and strategist, \$2: Mr David Poole, artist, 66; Mr Nigel Rees, author, 53; Mr Jeffrey Rooker, MP, 56; Mrs Elizabeth Shaw, executive

director and secretary, Charity Commission, 51: Mr Richard

Stone, portrait painter, 46: Sir Arthur Vick, former Vice-Chan-

cellor, Queen's University of Bel-fast, 86; Dr. L.L. Ware, joint founder, Mensa, 82; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, 61.

The Duke of Edinburgh has been

The Duke of Edinburgh has been re-elected Master of the Corporation of Trinity House for the ensuing year. Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe were re-elected Deputy Master and Captain David Orrand Captain Neil MacD Turner were re-elected Wardens of the

Trinity House

Birthdays today

and Lady Mayer. Lady Rhys Williams.

Dame Elizabeth Arson. Sir Paul and Lady
Bryan, Sir Rotha Chichester Clark, Sir Patrick
Cormack. MP. Sir Michael and Lady CraigCooper, Sir David Crouch. Sir Roy Denman,
Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker. Sir
Reginald and Lady Bry. Sir Charles FletcherCooke, Oc. Lady Gass. Sir David Knox. Sir
Reginald and Lady Loverlidge. Sir Carol and Lady
Maiber, Sir John and Lady Morgan. Sir James
and Lady Nursaw, Sir John Osborn. Sir Robert
Rhodes James, Sir Frank Roberts.
Sir Hugh and Lady Rossi, Lady ScottHopkins, Sir John Shaw Bank of Scotland.
Sir Ned Shleids, Sir Iam Sincialr, QC. Sir
Michael Spicer, MP. and Lady Spicer, Lady
(James) Spicer. Sir William Stuttaford and Mr
Michael Spicer, MP. and Lady Spicer, Lady
(James) Spicer. Sir William Stuttaford and Mr
Michael Perman (INVESCO). Sir Peter Tapsell,
MP. Lady Tickell. Sir William van
Straubenze. Sir Dennis and Lady Walters, Sir
Michael Wheeler-Booth. Sir Raymond
Whitney. MP. Mr and the Hon Mrs Francis
Bennett. Major-General Ken Perkins and the
Hon Cella Sandys.

Mrs John Abel Smith, Mrs James Allen. Mr
Harold Barnberg, Mr A J Beale, Mr T Edward
Bevin. Mr and Mrs F N Bongers, Mr Peter
Boydell, Oc (representing the Master
Treasurer of the Middle Templet, Mr Charles
Carey, Mr Christopher Chope, MP. Mr and
Mrs George Chowdhamy-Best, Mr and Mrs Mrs
John Colvin, Mr Michael Colvin. MP, Mr Tam
Dalyell, MP, Mr J M Davies. Mrs Shella Palith,
Mr and Mrs Tim Fonescue, Mr Edward
Gamler, OC, MP, Mr and Mrs Keith Grant
Peterkin, Mr Werry James, Mrs Shella Palith,
Mr and Mrs Michael Kinchin Smith, Mr
Timpothy Kirthope, Mr D W Limon, Miss G
Livingstone-Learmonth. Mr Gordon
McCartney, Mrs Diana McCurrach, Miss Anne
McIonsh, MP, Me Ph. Mr Michael Manes, MP,
Mr and Mrs John Royer, Mr Michael Mase, MP,
Mr and Mrs John Royer, Mr Michael Mase, MP,
Mr and Mrs Hotheson, Judge and Mrs Devi
Orde. Mr Glee Radice, Mr, Mr, Mr Penelope
Rankin, Mr and Mrs Norman Riddell, Mr M K
Riddley, Lleutenant-Commander W Rippon.
Mr 2nd Mrs John Royer, Mr Andrew Nicholson

**Royal Air Force** 

Cranwell

Air Marshal Sir David Cousins,

Air Marshat Str David Cousins, Air Member for Personnel and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Personnel and Training Command, was the reviewing officer at the graduation of 68 officers of No 165 Initial Officer Training Course from the Royal Air Force College

Cranwell on Thursday May 29:

General Duties Branch - Pilot

Flying Officers K M A Gover BSc(Econ), G M Militis BEng, J M

Smith BSc, J A Watson; Pilot

Officers M A Fleckney Beng, S C Hague BA, D James BA MEng, R A C Missen BSc, C J Moon BEng, C F Pote BEng, J A A Schofield BSc, R Spencer BSc, A Tano BEng.

Flying Officers M S Haley BSc, D Yeoman BEng; Pilot Officers D J Clark BCom, R J Hurcomb BA, A

MEng: Acting Pilot Officer C J

Operations Support Branch - Air Traffic Control

General Detics Branch - Air

Flying Officer N J Stokes.

Electronica Officer

General Duties - Navigator

John Ryman, Mr Harold Sebug-Monteflore.

Mr Andrew Semple, Miss Jenny Shaw, Mr W P Shovelion, Mr Anthony Speaigt, Mr Richard Spring, MP, Dr and Mrs Ivor Stanbrook, Mr and Mrs Henry Stanhope, Mrs Edward Sutro. Councilior Mrs Frank Taylor, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Mrs Lena M Townsend, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Tucker. Mr J A Vallance White, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Mr David Walker. Mr Iain Walker, Mr Robert Walter, Mr Jo Julians, Mr Jiain Walker, Mr Robert Walter, MP, Or L L Ware. Mr Alan Waikins, Councillor David Weeks. Mr Richard Wilkinson, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, Mr Paul Williams, Mr Geoffrey Williams, Mrs Paula Young.

The Honorary British Consul. Liechtenstein, and Mrs Jeeves, Mr Alan Lee Williams (Aliantic Council), Mr D L Stockton (Brasenose College, Oxford). Miss Armande Cohen (British Alpbach Committee). Mr Christopher Lockhart-Mummery, OC, (Chambers of Mr Christopher Lockhart-Mummery and other past and present members of the chambers. Mr R L Nixon (Council of European Municipalities and Regions). Mr Geoffrey Holland (chalman, Coventi Garden Area Trust) with Mr Julian Tobin (vice-chairman) and other members of the time.

Mr Stephen Woodard (European Moverment UK), Mr Paul Mudge and Mr Ted Brown (Institute of Credit Management), Mr Graham Wynn and Miss Deena Moos (International Democrat Union), Mr Peter H Courtney (Investo) Recovery Trust, Mrs Jean Craig and Mrs Barbara Lord (Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association), Professor ian Hall Bloomsbury International Society, Ms Maureen FixGerald (Local Government Confence) and Anance of Arantic Organisations.

Mr Tim Condy (Town and Counny Planning Association), Commander M J Rivert-Carnac and Mr David C Warti (White's), Mr J D Nilcholson (Wimbledon Conservative Associations, Northern Area).

Dr Michael Hooker (Ross McWhitter Foundation), Mr Ralph Prench (Masons' Company) and representatives of the Hansard Society.

Mr Tim Condy (Town and Counny Planning Association), Commander M J Rivert-Carnac and Mrs David C Warti (White's), Mr J D Nilcholson (Wimbledon Con

Coningsby Club Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP. delivered the Butler lecture to Members of the Coningsby Club last night at the club. Officers and the committee were the hosts. Mr

Regisses
Plying Officers C M Allen, M A
Bowen, M J Cook, J C Davies, C D Ramsden; Pilot Officers J M Adrain BSc. A S Marshall BA; The Bristol Society Acting Pilot Officers J & I. Barker, D M Jones. Flight Lieutenants R P Barr Beng AMIEE SI Russell Beng AMIEE; Flying Officers J Brookes, P A Carrier, H L Gould Beng, M I Hayes DMS, R McBain Beng, A Supply Branch
Flying Officers J E Atack, S J
Chappell BSc. Pilot Officer R A F

Harris BA; Acting Pilot Officer A K Viatori. Secretarial

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at Frogmore, Windsor, 1972.

### Lectures

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The High Sheriff of Bristol, Mr Richard Lalonde, and the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, Mr Robert Bernsys, were present at a Lecture given for the Society by Rabbi Julia Neuberger at The Council House last night. Mr St John Hartnell, Chairman of the Society, presided and Libby Gawith, a Wessex Water Pic Board Director, gave a vote of thanks. Wessex Water Ple were the hosts at a supper held afterwards.

Receptions

St George's School, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, entertained supporters of the St George's School Windsor Castle Development Campaign at a reception held last night at the House of Commons. **British Safety Council** 

Sir Neville Purvis, Director-General of the British Safety Council, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Armourers' Hall for the council's Diploma in Safety Management awards. Mr Alan Smith, chairman of the hoard of governors, and Mr Tim Hooper, deputy chairman, were among those present.

Dr Jean Lindsay

Fund has been estab lished for History students in need, in memory of Dr Jean Lindsay, former Director of Studies in History and Fellow of Girton College, Donations will be wel-comed from friends and former students. Details from Development Director. Girton College, Cambridge CB3 QJG. Tel 01223 100625

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and Miss B.E. Aarons The engagement is announced between Robert Fetherston, son of Mr George Platt and the late Mrs George Platt, of Belfast, and Belinda Elise, daughter of Mr Graeme Aarons and Dr Helena Aarons, of South Kensington,

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The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Wilson, of Formby, and Libby, elder daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs G.A. Ensor, of Blundelisands, Liverpool.

Marriage

Mr A.E. Forsyth The marriage took place on Sunday, June 1. at Stowmarket, Suffolk, of Alastair Forsyth and Jacki Ashworth, of The Gardens, Hoxne, Eye, Suffolk.

Diplomatic Service appointments

Mr Tim Craddock to be Ambassador to Estonia from July, in succession to Mr Charles De Chassiron who is moving to a new Diplomatic Service appointment Mr George Edgar to be Ambas-sador to Cambodia from late July. in succession to Mr Paul Reddictiffe who is moving to a new Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Alan Hunt to be High Commissioner to Singapore from August, in succession to Mr Gor-don Duggan who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

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Loveridge, aged 89, beloved brother of Diams, Hanel and the late Two, very loved cancia and great-uncie, died peacefully in his aloop 2nd june. Funeral 9th June 2.30pm at Oxford Crematorium.

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BOSTOCK - Elisabeth Mary, died peacefully in winchester on June 1st, 1997. Beloved wife of the late John Bostock and loving mother of Gillan (David) Roberts of Vancouver, Canada and grandmother of Peter, Eliza, Hewitt and Kate and their families. Cremation to be held on Monday June 9th at Southampton Crematorium, Bassett Green Road, Southampton at Jun (Bart Chapel) Inserment to be at St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt at a later date. No flowers by request, but damations may be sent to Imperial Cancer Research Fond co Jun Seat & Son, Chesti House, Winchester 1992 0501

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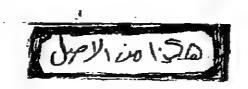
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Donald Furniss, DSO, DFC, stockbroker and wartime Spitfire reconnaissance pilot, died on May 9 aged 85. He was born on May 7, 1912.

onald Furniss was one of the select hand of Spitfire pilots who flew reconnaissance missions from Russian-airfields in search of German warships in the Norwegian fords and the Arctic ocean in 1943 and 1944. The principal target of these flights was the powerful bardeship Tirpit: whose presence in northern Norway presented a menace of the very first order to British convoys carrying war materiel for the Red Army to the Barents Sea ports of Archangel and Murmansk. The mere rumour that she was at sea with her escorts had given rise to the trugic order to scatter to the convoy PQ17, in the summer of 1942, with such catas-

To be able to report, at any moment, the whereahouts of this powerful threat was the task of Furniss and the flyers of his special photo reconnaissance unit. It was a task rendered the more difficult by the necessity of operating from a Russian airfield where, though the spirit of the Soviet ally might be willing (and it was not always that), the maintenance facilities were weak.

The weather, too, was generally a matter of zero visibility and high winds over the Norwegian mountains, and without special navigational aids, to make a sighting and return to base without running out of fuel was something of a miracle in itself.

Nevertheless. Furniss and the aircraft of his detachment stuck to it during the spring of 1944, and it was their information that enabled first the Fleet Air Arm and then the RAF to attack Tirpitz in Alten Fjord later in the year, the latter attack damaging her so severely that she was eventually moved south to Tromso for repairs. It was there that the Lancasters of Nos 9 and 617 Squadrons, flying from Lossiemouth, administered the coup de grace to her in November 1944.

Donald Furniss was born in Tanta, Egypt, where his father was at that time teaching (later he went to work for the Bank of Egypt). The family subsequently moved to Khartoum. Furniss spent his childhood years roaming the desert wastes. He was sent back to prep school in England and then on to Radley from where he joined the Stock

When war broke out in 1939 he applied to enter the RAF but while waiting for call-up joined a volunteer force which was sent to train with the Chasseurs Alpins at Chamonix in the

### **DONALD FURNISS**



French Alps before returning to Scotland. The purpose of the force was to fight in Finland's Winter War against the Russians, who had invaded the country in overwhelming strength in November 1939. But, after heroic resistance, the Finns had been forced to capitulate by early March 1940 before outside help could arrive, and Furniss's unit never embarked from its Scottish

Once he had done his basic flying training and gained his pilot's wings Furniss was posted to the Photo Reconnaissance Unit which operated six flights of special Spitfires. These had the guns taken out to reduce their weight, had extra fuel tanks installed to increase their range to 1,700 miles and flew as high as they could below the level at which a condensation trail would have formed (generally between 25,000 and 30,000 feet), thus betraying them to the enemy's interceptor light

Furniss was initially posted to RAF St Eval in Cornwall, from where the Spitfires of the PRU's F Flight ranged down the French coast as far as the Spanish frontier, photographing the locations of German naval units in Brest, Nantes, Bordeaux and other ports. For his work as a flight commander he was awarded his DFC

Next, after a period on the staff at the

Group HQ at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire. Furniss was given command of 542 Squadron, For six months from July 1943 he led it on reconnaissance flights which might take in the locating of the construction works for VI launch sites in the Pas de Calais or the photographing of the current dispositions of the flak batteries defending targets in the Ruhr.

When the photographing of Tirpitz became a necessity, it was recognised that the PRU's Spitfires would have to operate from a Russian airfield, since Alten Fjord, where the battleship lurked, was out of range of aircraft flying from Scottish bases, But the flight to Vaenga, not far from Murmansk, way fraught with hazard, since the reconnaissance Spitfires carried no special navigational aids. Furniss's plane ran out of fuel before he found the Vaenga airfield, and he was forced to come down on a primitive serio in a

He had no idea which side of the Russo-German buttlefront he was on. and the Russian soldiers who surrounded his plane did not know who he was, either. So they dragged him from his plane and locked him up When they realised their mistake he was given dinner by the base commanding officer and treated to innumerable and lengthy toasts to Stalin and Churchill washed down by gallons

Having understood none of the proceedings and having no Russian. Furniss, when his time came to reply to the toasts, stood up and recited Lewis Carroll's Jubberwocky with dramatic emphasis. His rendition was received with great enthusiasm by the Russians. who drank more vodka in his honour with much smashing of glass.

Furniss was awarded the DSO in 1944 for his leadership during this phase of the PRU's operations. Returning to Britain, he finished the war as a squadron leader.

After the war Furniss returned to the City, working first in partnership with a friend and later, after a series of mergers, as a partner of Quilter Hilton Goodison. As House Partner, he was responsible for all the firm's trading. He retired in 1976.

In acknowledgment of his war service, Furniss was to have been presented by the Russian Government with a medal commemorating 50 years of peace. The medal will now be sent to

In 1944 Furniss had married Jill Cresswell, the widow of one of his friends, George Cresswell, who had been killed while serving in minesweepers. She survives him with a

### CHRISTOPHER GRIER

critic, died in Winchester on May 7 aged 74. He was born in Derby on December 4, 1922

SCOTLAND has sustained few full-time music critics, and Christopher Grier, who wrote for The Scatsman from 1949 until 1963, was one of the first of them. His predecessors on that paper included a Mr Daly, who took his dog to concerts as well as to the editorial department, and Stewart Deas - a pupil of Towey. Szeil and Weingartner - who left after four years to became Professor of Music at Sheffield University.

But Grier, from the moment he wrote his first elegant review at the age of 27, marked a turning point in Scottish newspaper music criticism. He brought dedication to his task, making clear that, whatever Scotland's priorities after the war, music was something that mattered.

Born in Derby and educated at Glenalmond, he studied music at King's College, Cambridge, and spent two years as the British Council's music officer in Scandinavia before oining The Scotsman, At that time the Edinburgh Festival was still a novelty, the old Scottish Orchestra had yet to be transformed into the SNO. and Scottish Opera did not

exist. In this mostly infertile soil. Grier managed to find material for a courteous and with chronicle of Soutland's musical life. Under two enlightened editors, Murray Watson and Alastair Dunnen, he was given enviable space and scope to nurture the good things and deal patiently with the many minor events a newspaper today would shun. He recognised that the Edinburgh Festival had blown a great gust of fresh air into Edinburgh provincialism, yet he was not uncritical of international achievement. When Glyndebourne's pioneering postwar production of Verdi's La forza iel destino opened at the King's Theatre, his review began with the words

'Maledizione, maledizione". His breadth of experience nelped to bring both authority and sophistication to his re-

Dr Alan Fleming McGlashan, MC,

psychiatrist and writer.

died on May 6, aged 98.

He was born on

work, due to the now timeless

quality of his interviews. It

was a quality that played an

important role in his thera-

peutic work. He had hoped to

write about this "speculative

thought", as he called it, but the loss of his sight left this

McGlashan's family was

Scottish, but his childhood

was mostly spent in England,

where his father had set up in general practice. From Epsom College, he won an exhibition

to Cambridge, which was de-

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Royal Flying Corps in 1917.

After an engineering course at

Oxford and a few weeks in the

air he was sent to France,

where for the exceptional

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ing sent in to draw off enemy

fire from British manned

balloons. For these feats he was awarded the MC and

Croix de Guerre with Palms.

His love of flying was to con-

tinue: he took up gliding -holding Licence No 23 - and

later delighted in ballooning.

After the war, he took his

project unfulfilled.

October 20, 1898.

views when real music enticism in Scotland was still in its infancy. Each summer he received a budget to tour the European festivals - another example of Sousman enlightenment - enabling him to bring back the good news from Holland (a rare postwar performance of Mahler's sixth symphony; and Aix (the rise of Teresa Berganza as a Mozart singer).

Those were the days when newspaper critics could dis-tance themselves from such distasteful chores as hard news, scoops, previews and interviews. Reviews were what mattered, written with lax deadlines — Grier could eat supper in the staff cunteen before lighting his pipe, set-tling down at his typewriter, and then, having produced his 600 words, waiting until after one in the morning to read a leisurely proof.

But when he left Edinburgh in 1963 - ironically just after the birth of Scottish Opera and just before the SNO's first wave of international success to seek a new life in London. times were already changing. Although he succeeded John Amis as The Scotsman's parttime London music critic, and wrote for The Listener as well as for the Evening Standard. he never again held a staff

appointment, nor in the circumstances would he have wanted to. Teaching musical history at the Royal College of Music suited him better, interwoven (rather surprisingly) with a spot of modelling — being a tall, lean, handsome man, he attracted the attention of a London advertising agency and was pictured in colour supplements, promoting Scottish knitwear and, subse-

quently, Saga Holidays. In 1993, having turned 70 he retired to St Cross Hospital in Winchester, where, as he repically remarked, elderly aesthetes were put out to grass. Even then, however, he took time off to visit the Edinburgh Festival, retaining his links with The Scotsman in reviews which, to the end maintained the vein of civilised, kindly urbanity for which he had always been renowned.

Alastair Dunnett, when Editor of The Scotsman, insisted that Grier would have made as fine a diplomatic correspondent as a music critic, and even once tried to tempt him in that direction. But Grier knew what he was good at. Though he wrote polished programme notes for concerts, it is sad that he never produced a book. He is survived by his wife Elsbeth

### THE VEN BAZIL MARSH

The Ven Bazil Marsh. Archdeacon of Northampton, 1964-91, died on May 23 aged 75. He was born in Canada, on August 11. 1921.

AT THE time of his retirement, Bazil Marsh was the longest-serving archdeacon within the Church of England. Combining his archdeaconry with the Northampton city rectory of St Peter's, Marefair, he was essentially a pastoral priest.

A parson's son, Bazil Roland Marsh was born in a small town in Alberta, Canada, and brought up on the prairies of North Dakota during the worst days of the dust storms and the Depression.

TICKETS FOR SALE

England, where he went to state schools in Swindon, when he was already ten years

From Leeds University. where he rook a second-class degree in history, he went on to train for the ministry with the Community of the Resur-rection at Mirfield in Yorkshire, being ordained deacon in 1944. He served his title as curate

of Cheshunt and then held two further curacies at Coventry and Reading before in 1950 leaving the United Kingdom to take charge of a far-flung parish in Queensland, Austra-lia. The five years he spent there - in which he also

had a considerable influence on the rest of his life, imbuing him with a "can do" spirit, no always readily identifiable with the Anglicanism of, say,

Barbara Pym or John Betjeman. Returning home in 1956, he first forged his association with the Peterborough diocese by becoming vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Northampton. This was a busy, urban parish in whose streets in his black woollen cloak - worn partly

to keep out the cold but also as a symbol of pastoral care - he soon became a familiar figure It was still, however, something of a surprise when in 1964 - at the age of 43 - he

He lost both his parents by the age of eight and first arrived in Royal Australian Air Force — con of Northampton by the con of Northampton by the High Church Bishop of Peterborough, Cyril Eastaugh.

It was a popular enough appointment, however, with his brother clergy, who had recognised his go-getting qualities — and any temptation Marsh himself may have felt to take pride in the relatively early age at which the title "The Venerable" had come to him was, no doubt, modified by the memory that his father had actually been appointed an archdeacon (if in the American Episcopal Church) at the even more precocious age of

Bazil Marsh made a point of getting to know all the parishes, churches and clergy that

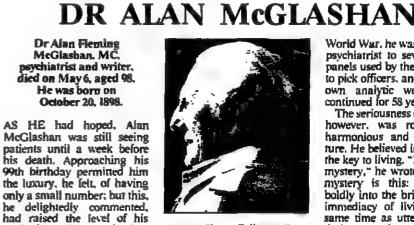
one of the 380 churchwardens who were answerable to him for the upkeep and fabric of their buildings on a Christian name basis.

He also paid particular attention to the special needs of ethnic and religious minorities and was keen on bridge building with the churches of Europe. His love of history and his regard for architecture were recognised by his being the first clergyman to be appointed to English Heritage, to which he served as an adviser on the managing of English historical treasures.

Although preferment either to the episcopal bench or to a deanery never came to him, he was in many ways a role model for junior dignitaries of the Church of England. Like John Wesley, he regarded the world as his parish and was active in providing counsel and advice to the Church in Rwanda and in offering guidance for such projects as creating homes for orphans in

South Africa. He also much enjoyed taking chaplaincies abroad doing so at various times in Finland, Norway (at the Embassy), Switzerland and New Zealand. He retired in 1991 and the same year had his remarkable 27-year reign as an archdeacon recognised by the award of a Lambeth MLin. He had been an honorary canon of Peterborough, 1964-91. He married in 1946 Audrey

Oyler. She survives him. together with three sons and a daughter.



BA at Clare College, Cambridge, where he was captain of tennis. It was during these years that he would take off to walk alone on the Isle of Skye. and a number of poems in his first published book. St George and the Dragon, reflect his love of the island.

He became a second-string drama critic on The Observer and the News Chronicle, having completed the reading, he claimed, of every play published in English, but after qualifying joined a tramp-steamer as ship's surgeon on a sometimes hair-raising voyage to the Far East.

Back in England he joined the practice of his ebullient but wise father, who enabled his son to devote part of each day to what was of primary importance to him, his writing and his study of literature. Some five years later, now married to Robin Cameron-Smith, he found that his bent was for psychiatry, not general pracrice. Encouraged by reading Jung (whom he was later to visit), he gained his Diploma in Psychological Medicine in 1940. During the Second

World War, he was consultant psychiatrist to several of the panels used by the War Office to pick officers, and began his own analytic work, which continued for 58 years.

The seriousness of his work, however, was rooted in a harmonious and happy nature. He believed in delight as the key to living. "Delight is a mystery," he wrote. "And the mystery is this: to plunge boldly into the brilliance and immediacy of living, at the same time as utterly surrendering to that which lies beyond space and time; to see life translucently."

His writing developed from studies in classical Greek and English literature. philosophy, mythology and re-ligion. "Thinking," he be-lieved, "should always be guided by feeling, which is a way of recalling the basic wisdom covered up by civilisa-tion." Of The Savage and Beautiful Country, which argues the need to integrate separate parts of our being, Laurens van der Post wrote: "He utters profound and complicated thought in a simple and accessible way, equipped with the sensitivity and sensibilities

natural only to the artist."
Escaping what William
Law called "the Vanity of Time" was crucial to Mc-Glashan's thought and his therapeutic work. "I incline to think people are like pieces of music," he wrote in a letter. "If we understood the tune, we would know why it would end when it does." He is survived by his second

wife, Sasha, whom he married in 1979.

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EXPERIMENTS. (BY OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Professor Veromoti, surgeon to the Russian Hospital in Paris, whose experiments in freating thyroid deficiency in children by grafting the thyroid gland from apes have attracted much amention, has made further experiments to caunteract the natural advance of old age.

It has long been a suggestion that a body known as the "interstitual substance" is responsible for the maintenance of that vigour and strength which we associate with youth. Professor Veronoff has curried our some experiments animals and claims that by grafts of interstitial substance he has restored youth to creature in various stages of old age. He has now made similar grafts from ages on two old persons who submitted themselves for the experiment. The grafts have taken, but as only one month has clapsed it is not yet clear whether the end result of the operation — restoration of the phenomena of youth — will occur. For a long time it has been one of the objects of

science to transplant organs from one animal to another. The experiments which have been made have by no means always been attended by failure, as is often supposed. But there is one important proviso. If a successful transplantation is to be carried out the animals must be of the

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The use of "monkey glands" to counteract the natural advance of old age, or to treat thyroid deficiency in children, attracted a good deal of attention more than 70 years ago.

Faced by several cases of thyroid deficiency in children — which cases had not made great progress in thyroid administration by mouth — Professor Veronoff conceived the idea of attempting to graft a portion of the gland of one of the higher ages. He was led to this by consideration of the fact, as stated by him to the Academie de Medicine that "the blood of man and of the great apes is identical both from the point of view of its chemical reactions and of the character of the red

and white corpuscies"

A bay of 14 was operated on. At the age of eight he had developed signs of thyroid insufficiency following scarlet fever. His development, mental and physical, was arrested, and both his parents and teachers had remarked on the change in his

condition. Many doctors saw the patient and thyroid treatment was given, it did well at first, but each time it was stopped, even for a formight, the case at once relapsed, and all the old

symptoms reappeared.

Professor Veronoff at first proposed that one of the parents should give a portion of the thyroid gland for the child. But this was negative. He then suggested the experiment on the ape. The operation "took place in the south of France in 1913 in the presence of 19 ductors, including

physicians and surgeons and several veterinary surgeons. The ape was chloroformed by one anaesthetist; the child by another. Unhappily the left lobe of the thyroid gland of the ape, which was to have been used, was accidentally plunged, after removal, into boiling water, and so killed. It was thus necessary to use the right lube, and the was thus necessary to use the right lobe, and the ape, deprived in this manner of the whole of its thyroid gland, died four days later.

The right lobe was placed in the neck of the child in the same position as the normal gland usually occupies. It was undentally observed that the child's own gland was in a state of degeneration, and was of little value.

This new gland was "perfectly tolerated" by the child. In a month the symptoms of the disease began to abate. This, however, might only have been due to absorption of thyroid substance from the are's gland, and not to actual functioning of the gland. At the end of 14 months, however, the bny was normal. He later was passed for service in the French Army, and served during the war.

TYPISTINGS

Preview: The police take on joyriders in Crime Beat (BBC1, 8pm).

Review: Joe Joseph on health

OPINION

Disdain for the views of others is

Mr Clarke's most dangerous weak-

ness. He does not just disagree with

the majority of his party; he wishes they did not exist. Yet the tide in the

Tory party is running away from

The Clarke wagon

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# THE TIMES TODAY

### NEWS

### Dorrell quits Tory leadership race

■ Kenneth Clarke's campaign for the Conservative leadership gained momentum when Stephen Dorrell pulled out of the race and threw his backing behind the former Chancellor.

Mr Dorrell described Mr Clarke as "the biggest hitter of this political generation" and the "outstanding figure at the centre of contemporary British politics", and said that they were joining forces to win the battle of ideas against the Labour . Pages I, II

### Work councils may be compulsory

■ British companies could be punished for failing to consult workers before decisions affecting their jobs, the European Commission proposed. Downing Street responded last night that the Prime Minister had strong misgivings about the ... Page I

### Mother at 54

Britain's oldest test tube mother by giving birth to twins after being implanted with eggs from a younger donor ...

A woman aged 54 has become

### Honours changes

Tony Blair is planning a fundamental shake up of the honours system to give it more independence from the office of Prime Minister. .. Page l

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The former Tory Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken's reputation was "butchered" by baseless allegations involving the supply of prostitutes to Arab businessmen and illegal arms sales to Iran, the High Court was told......Page 3

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An interior designer spoke of her relief after being cleared of trying to cheat Sotheby's over a pair of antique tables ...... .....Page 5

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A woman who fought to allow women to drink at the bar of El Vino's and called on fathers to do their share of housework is to be specialist adviser on women's issues to Harriet Harman . Page 6

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Youth prevailed on University Challenge as the record-breaking mature students of the Open University were defeated in the dalen College, Oxford ..... Page 9 the country ......

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A former editor of the Angling Times, Britain's best-selling fishing newspaper, is to appear in court on two charges of incitement to kill cormorants.. Page 12

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The German Defence Minister tried to reassure Britain that his country remains committed to the £40 billion Eurofighter aircraft ... Page 17

### Algerian election

Algerians go to the polls today seeking a way out of a civil war that has claimed an estimated 60,000 lives in five years and cast final by the Young Turks of Mag- a pall of fear and tension across

### Anne Michaels wins top fiction prize

■ The £30,000 women-only Orange Prize, Britain's largest prize for a single work of fiction, was won by the Canadian writer Anne Michaels, for her novel Fugitive Pieces, praised in The Times as a novel "of unusual and compelling power". Michaels's work was chosen from 131 entries, II of which were called in by the judges.....



Worshippers crossing the sands to Holy Island, Northumberland, to commemorate the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba

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Welfare Job: Sir Peter Davis. the head of the Prudential insurance company, is to head the task force overseeing Labour's welfare-towork jobs programme......Page 27

Cable: Mirror Group is in talks to launch a company that would provide TV programming packages to the cable companies in competition with BSkyB.. ..Page 27

Tle-up: Robert Stigwood, the producer of the Saturday Night Fever. Grease and Evita films, is joining forces with Christopher Moran, the tycoon who was expelled from Lloyd's of London.... ....Page 27

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Stand up: An inordinate amount of drinking accompanied this year's annual invasion of comedians to the Kilkenny Festival, not to everyone's delight.

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influencing rock,

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casting doubt on

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Europe has done very little to sustain a democracy which is trying to establish itself in Algeria. The Europeans should be supporting democratic forces, financially if necessary, so they can defeat the Islamic extremists who commit such atrocities, for example by decapitating their victims.

La Stampa, Turin

LOTTERY NUMBERS 18, 19, 21, 30, 34, 44. Bonus, 6. The jackpot estimate is £3,500,000. Blair's Chinese box Mr Blair should go to Hong Kong but he should also do more. It is an occasion to speak out firmly his belief in civil liberties, the rule of law and a credible, accountable legislature.....

### The finest fisherbird

Who can blame nature's finest fisherman for taking advantage of this new abundance?....

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When a society turns to socialism, it means that it has gone on the defensive; the producer no longer equates competition with opportunity, but with danger ....... Page 22

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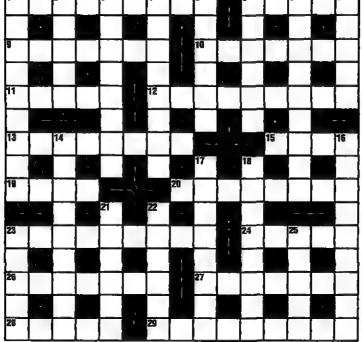
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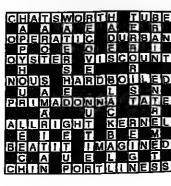
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- 10 Caught girl with dictionary (7). 11 Envelope 'e fills with a number of flyers (5).
- 12 Poor relatives prepared to do a variety of jobs (9).
- 13 Gloomy, but recovered from eye problem (8). 15 Bitterly complain of train guide
- 19 Signs agreement in synod session
- 20 Emperor responsible for Boxer
- oppression (8). 23 Pleased to have something finally
- approved (9).

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- 24 Hercules, young daredevil, removed all heads belonging to this (5). 26 Notice a dreadfully poisonous
- plant (7).
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- 28 Clean page going to press (5). 29 Get red card? Cheer up! (4.5).
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- church (8). 4 Screen put up to protect priest at end of nave (8). 5 Girl shows great cheerfulness
- without it (6). 6 Lose minutes getting on to island
- 7 Very close to professional team colleague (9). 8 Representative of the Church
- Militant? (5). 14 Strive to find vessel for Cook (9). 16 Revolutionary met Lenin - a mark of distinction (9).
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but becoming increasingly cloudy with rain at times. Wind easterly, fresh to strong, moderating later Warm Max 20C-23C (68F-73F). Max 200-236 (607-75).

E Anglia, E England, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: mainly dry with bright or sunny intervals, but some showery rain is

becoming fresh to strong. Warm. Max 18C-22C (64F-72F). ☐ Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: oulbreaks of thundery rain, clearing in evening. Wind strong, easterly, turning light, southwesterly Max 20C

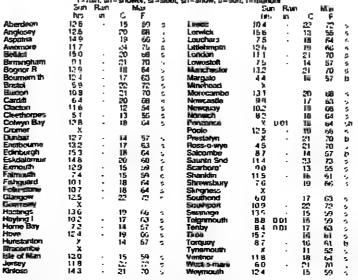
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Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NW Scotland: mainly dry with sunny

times, turning brighter but showery

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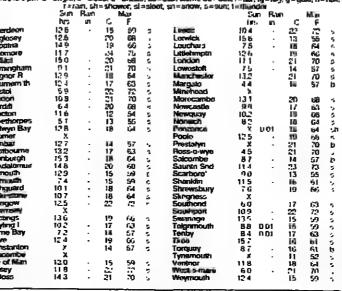


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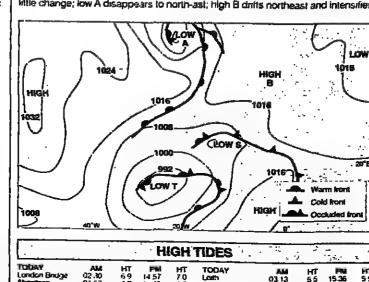
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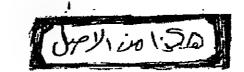
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# Pru chief to captain welfare-to-work team

BY PHILLIP BASNETT AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

SIR Peter Davis, the £612,000-a-vear chairman of Prudential Corporation, the insurance group, is to head task force overseein: Labour's welfare-to-work programme.

He becomes the latest business leader to take a Government post, joining Lord Simons, formerly of BP, Barclays Bank's Martin Tayfor and Alan Sugar of Totten-

ham Hotspur and Amstrad. The appointment comes as it emerged that Prudential is to spend millions of pounds toughening up proficiency tests for all 5,500 direct sales staff after its training and compliance standards were ticularly pleased to have won

the involvement of Sir Peter, which is seen in Whitehall as a coup for David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary. Addressing trade union leaders yesterday, Mr Blunkett called for a new unionism to match the new

Speaking in Brighton to the annual conference of the GMB general union, he said that the new deal programmes "must not be a pale imitation of the make-work schemes of the past" but must instead be "high quality" programmes that would give young people

criticised by the chief City the opportunity to "learn as watchdog. Ministers are par-well as earn".

Sir Peter will report to the Cabinet sub-committee on welfare-to-work, headed Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and will work closely with Mr Blunkett and Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister. The Government aims to offer private sector jobs to 250,000 young unemployed, to be boosted by a £60-a-week subsidy for each of them, or

full-time training, or work on the planned environmental task force. Sir Peter, who received a £1.25 million pay-off when ousted as chief executive of basic salary of £425,000 by Prudential last year. Bonus and benefits made that £612,000, or about £250 an

hour. Prudential admitted yes terday that it has been ordered by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) to retest its entire direct sales force after an inspection this year. The cost of re-testing comes on top of the £1 million a week the insurer currently spends on training. The new tests have to be completed by September.

The inspection was carried out by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) on behalf of the SIB. Other companies have been inspected and the PIA said it "would

not hestitate" to take similar action against other offenders.

by SIB to defend its sale of the Prudential Savings Account to non-taxpaying customers. SIB suggested other products, such as National Savings schemes and tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessas), would have been more suitable for these clients. This is because such policies suffer from the underlying taxation on the company's life fund.

However, Prudential is unable to sell either product and would therefore have guined no commission from the sale.

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# Mirror plans vehicle to provide cable TV packages

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plans. CWC was formed in

April from the \$4.5 billion

merger of Mercury Commun-

leations and the Nynex. Bell

CableMedia and Videotron

cable companies. It is 53 per

cent owned by C&W and has

more than 600,000 cable-TV

and TeleWest Communica-tions, the second largest cable

company, to become equity partners in Programme Co. TeleWest would not comment.

derive the bulk of their TV

output from BSkyB, which is

40 per cent owned by News

International, owner of The

Programming executives

who have talked to Graham

Wallace, chief executive of CWC, said he would only

consider deals that would give CWC branding control over

the programming and mar-

keting of any new channel packages. CWC is dropping

the Mercury name and is

planning an extensive market-

ing campaign to promote the

is Programme Co's ability to

provide customer service to

cable-TV customers. The cable

industry's poor customer ser-vice record has been cited as

one of the main reasons for

low take-up rates: only about

one in five homes passed by

C&W brand.

The Mirror would like CWC

customers.

MIRROR GROUP is in talks. to launch a company that would provide TV program-ming packages to the cable companies in competition with those offered by BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster.

The company, known internaily as the Programme Comnany, would also endeavor to create a brand that is clearly identifed with cable TV and

provide marketing services. Mirror Group, owner of The Mirror newspaper and the Live TV cable channels, is in talks with Flextech, the second largest cable and satellite programmer, about joining Programme Co. Flextech recently formed a joint venture with BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, to create a family of BBC-

themed subscription channels. Mirror hopes the BBC-Flextech channels will form the core of Programme Co's offering. Money would be raised to buy the rights to other programming and The Mirror would be used to help promote the products.

David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, confirmed that the concept is to offer details.

Flextech, whose channels include UK Gold and UK Living, would say only that it is open to any deal that would see the maximum value extracted from its new channels. Adam Singer, Flextech's chairman, said: "We would be interested in any proposal that would increase the cable subscriber population."

The support of Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC), the largest cable com**BUSINESS TODAY** 

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but is not thought to be interested. CWC would not comment other than to say it is examining a number of proposals. Currently, CWC and the rest of the cable industry

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### Sparks flying

Southern Electric risked angering the Government by promising fresh shareholder returns soon after it has paid the windfall tax. Southern is electricity company. Page 28

### Disqualification

The Government will today announce a sharp rise in the number of directors to face disqualification and will unveil tough new rules aimed at protecting consumers when companies go bust.

cable takes the service. Time for action, page 31 Page 33

### Davies tells of **EMU risks**

By Robert Miller and Alasdair Murray

HOWARD DAVIES, the deputy governor of the Bank of England and soon to be head of a beefed-up statutory Securities and Investments Board (SIB), said City firms risked heavy losses if they made the wrong assumptions over the future of monetary union. He called on them to "under-

take rigorous stress testing of their portfolios" to ensure they were not dangerously exposed. In the past 18 months, he said, bond traders had increasingly based deals on calculations involving the convergence criteria for monetary union. Now, with doubts over the feasibility of EMU, banks should reassess their positions in the market, ensuring the adequacy of their risk control systems. Sterling endured a rocky ride

on the foreign exchanges yes-

terday after Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, gave a strong indica-tion that the Bank believes sterling is overvalued.

Mr George told the Interna-

tional Monetary Conference in Interlaken, Switzerland, the pound currently possessed "an exaggerated strength".

But he also hinted that the Bank was still prepared to raise interest rates because domestic demand is "running a bit above a sustainable rate",

fuelled by building society windfall payments. The market expects a rate rise after the inaugural Monetary Policy Committee meeting which begins today. Economists believe the Bank will put rates up a quarter point to 6.5 per cent when the meeting ends tomorrow lunchtime.

### Fresh boost for British business

Reed Elsevier, was paid a

THE Government yester day launched a range of Initiatives to boost the com-petitiveness of British business (Philip Bassett writes). But in her first major

speech as President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett rejected the creation of a single regulator on competition issues through the merger of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading. Mrs Beckett said the main consideration in merger cases would be sole-ly competition grounds.

She announced a series of wide-ranging reviews - of the DTI's overall spending. of the incentives provided for small firms, of regulations covering companies' activities, of the promotion of exports and of lifting the broadband restrictions on BT. Beckett's stall, page 28

### EU threat to war on insiders

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Stock Exchange gave a warning that the fight against insider dealing could suffer a severe setback if a proposed European Directive on the random taping of telephone calls is introduced.

Gavin Casey, thief execu-tive of the Stock Exchange, backed by the Bank of England and the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, said random telephone surveillance would no longer be effective as a way of catching rule breakers if Article 5 is passed by the European Parliament. This law would state that no telephone conversation could be taped unless both parties to the conversation had

consented. Mr Casey said: "The taping of dealers' conversations is an established and important contribution to investor protection. Any move to restrict this practice would undermine the monitoring of the markets and would run counter to the fundamental principle of strengthening City

The British Bankers' Association said: "Our members already support systems that encourage transparency in both terms of actual trades and the circumstances under which they are conducted. We believe these are strong controls which provide a good audit trail."

Final negotiations are being conducted through the European Council of Ministers and British concerns are being channeled through the Department of Trade and

# Stigwood and Moran plan joint venture



the Saturday Night Fever, Grease and Evita films, is joining forces with Christo-pher Moran, the controversial tycoon who was expelled from Lloyd's of London in 1982, to develop interests in the world of relevision, theatre and entertainment.

ROBERT STIGWOOD, the producer of

The two - who have been friends for 30 years - are currently working on plans to marry Mr Moran's £150 million fortune with Mr Stigwood's connections in Holly-wood and the West End theatre. They hope the business will be a reprise of the Robert Stigwood Organisation, the company run by Mr Stigwood and backed by Mr Moran, which was sold to Polygram in the late 1970s.

By Jason Nisse

Their venture, the stock market-listed Galaxy Media Corporation, will include a television production company run by Mike Mansfield, famous in the 1970s for Supersonic, his pop music show. He is currently producing children's shows, including Tibs & Fibs, Funky Bunker and Bonkers. Galaxy also manages a string of celebrities, including Shirley Bassey and Michael Parkinson, and owns the TV rights to Billy Bunter.

Mr Stigwood, 63, who launched the careers of Lord Lloyd-Webber, John Travolta and the Bee Gees, will become chairman of Galaxy, with Mr Moran as deputy chairman. We are going to develop Galaxy as a broadly-based media

and rights-owning group, producing TV shows, films and events," Mr Moran

Mr Moran, 49, was one of the most flamboyant underwriters at Lloyd's before being banned in 1982. He is spending £150 million to renovate Crosby Hall in Chelsea, the 15th-century former home of Sir Thomas More and Richard III. As part of a deal with English Heritage to gain planning permission, the house will be opened to the public to display Mr Moran's art collection, which includes works by Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Reynolds. Mr Moran said that Crosby Hall would be placed in a charitable trust and left to the nation when he dies.



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Next in out-of-court

settlement on designs

NEXT, the high street retailer, has agreed to pay royalties on

goods bearing a disputed children's design as part of an out-

of-court settlement with a small, privately owned furniture

firm. The designs in question are of soldiers, policemen and

firemen and appear on a range of children's wallpaper and

bed linen sold by Next. The Emma Jefferson Partnership, which is run by a husband and wife team and based in Leicestershire, claimed in a writ issued last month that the

designs are almost identical to a range of characters it had

Under the settlement, the two sides have agreed terms for a

licence, which will enable Next to continue selling the

products until the end of this year's summer sale. Next will pay royalties, estimated at £18,000, on their past and future

sales. It will also pay the legal costs incurred by the Emma

Jefferson Partnership. The settlement does not amount to an

**Bristol & West hearing** 

A SPECIAL hearing to confirm that the takeover of the Bristol & West Building Society by Bank of Ireland can go

ahead will take place on June 11. Just over one million Bristol

& West customers will receive free handouts of eitler cash or

shares as a result of the deal. The Building Societies

developed and used on children's height charts.

admission of liability by Next.

# Beckett sets out her stall on competitiveness to business leaders

BY PHILIP BASSETT

IN THE hellish gloom of a blacked-out basement room at the Department of Trade and Industry's London headquarters. Margaret Beckett. in a shocking pink suit against a brilliantly-lit pistachio stage set, came close to blinding the 100odd business leaders listening to the President of the Board of Trade's vision

of Britain's new competitiveness. Late-Beckett moved to counter muted criticisms that in comparison with other departments, such as the Treasury and Foreign Office, the DTI had done little

since Labour took office a month ago. She threw off the carping with a salvo of noticy announcements: reviews of almost everything, new White Papers, summits, task forces — the full panoply of

ness loved it. From GrandMet to Guinness, GEC to Glazo and Tesco to Toyota, she went down a treat. However, Mrs Beckett was taken to task for not mentioning the trade unions in her speech on competitiveness - not by the trade unions themselves, but by Ian Peters, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce.

being "inward-looking" over Europe. Neville Chamberlain from BNFL approved of her emphasis on the regions. Nicholas Goulding from the Forum of Private Business wanted early technical involvement in talks on Brussels initiatives. Roger Lyons, of the MSF, wanted details of what unions would be doing.

Mackenzie, of GE Capital, came closest

But even Mrs Beckett's closest advisers could barely believe it when Christopher

to taking her to task — not for allowing trade unions back into Whitehall's corridors of power, but for not being fast enough off the mark in signing up to the social chapter. Mrs Beckett said they

were going as fast as they could to do so. She was not arguing for widespread government intervention, or "itching" to take decisions which were properly for the private sector. "I am not trying to do your job," she said, to the evident relief of her audience. But they stiffened up when she went on: "But I am determined not to neglect to do my own."

As the business leaders emerged, blinking. Into the light of the TV cameras. there was little but praise — and little, too, to differentiate between them. Amstrad's Alan Sugar and the TUC's John Monks were almost interchangeable. And with that Mrs Beckett and her new friends rushed off for urgent appointments.

### **Future of** power pool in doubt

THE WAY electricity is traded may not survive in its current form into the next century after the industry regulator launched an attack on the mechanisms and speed of the electricity pool (Christine

Buckley writes).

Publishing the annual report of Offer, the Office of Electricity Regulation. Professor Stephen Littlechild, threw into doubt the future of the pool, and its system of rewarding gencriticisms. He said the system would continue in its present form until the millennium, albeit with short-term alterations, but after that the fundamental mechanism could be

A shake-up would affect the way generators set prices and are paid for having power stations

The Labour Party was critical of the pool when in opposition.

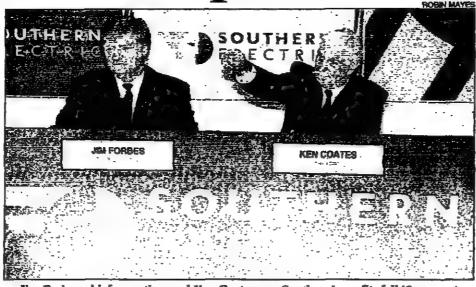
# Southern Electric plans to boost dividends despite windfall tax

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC has risked angering the Governshareholder returns soon after it has paid the windfall tax. Southern, the only indepen-

dent regional electricity company, said its balance sheet was strong and that a return of value to shareholders was likely later in the year after it had got the windfall tax "out of the way". Its pledge of shareholder benefits comes just days after the company met Treasury officials to make its case on the windfall levy.

As one of the largest regional companies, Southern is likely to face a large hit from the tax. It refused to say what it had said to the Treasury but the fact that it followed a written submission with a meeting indicates it is mounting a concerted campaign. Ken Coates, chairman, said Southern had "made strong representations on fairness".



Jim Forbes, chief executive, and Ken Coates saw Southern's profits fall 10 per cent

lan Marchant, finance director, said Southern had a strong balance sheet and would aim to give cash to shareholders later this year. probably at the time of the

company's interim results in November. He said: "We will return more value to shareholders, but not just ver." The company has asked the regulator to allow it to claim

more from consumers to pay for its programme to deliver competition. Southern will miss the starting date for competition by several months, along with a number not have their computer systems ready for trials in October ahead of the introduction of full competition next April. Southern's system will not be ready until January. It has asked for £43 million for the competition changes, a £2 million increase on its previous demand, in order to speed the process.

Southern is to put more money into generation projects, spending more than £100 million over the next three years. New stations will provide about 6 per cent of its electricity needs, while a longterm deal with British Energy, the nuclear generator, provides 40 per cent.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 fell 10 per cent to £255 million as the newest distribution price review took effect. The final dividend of 15.05p, payable on October 7, takes the total to 21.5p. This compares, on a restated basis to account for a share split, with 18.75p for the previous year.

Deal signed

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By OLIVER AUGUST

BRITISH ENERGY, the

signed a £1.5 billion contract

Pre-tax profits for the year to

March 31 reached £61 million, compared with the previous

proved output and cost

the load factor grew from 72 to

79 per cent. At Sizewell B, the

newest station, the load factor

reached 85 per cent overall

mandatory switch-off periods.

Last year was the first full

financial year the station has

Casts were brought down

announced 940 staff out of

The dividend is 13.7p, in line

It will also result in a £10

To celebrate its first profit-

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with British Nuclear Fuels.

## Commission hearing to decide formally whether the takeover can go ahead will take place in Bristol. The Commission will almost certainly give the deal its official approval. The takeover is due to take effect on July 28. Powerscreen ahead

STRONG performances across all divisions helped to boost annual pre-tax profits at Powerscreen International, the engineering company, to £42 million from £36.59 million in the year to March 31. The company, based in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, reported an 18 per cent increase in earnings to 36.1p a share. John Craig, chairman, said the results were particularly pleasing against a background of a sluggish European market. The company declared a final dividend of 7.4p, giving a 10.2p (9.2p) total, payable on September 4.

### **Bid boosts TLS shares**

SHARES of TLS surged 29 per cent to 125p yesterday after the vehicle rental company said it had received a bid approach. The company, now valued at £60.5 million, has developed into a nationwide rental force over the past four years, with profits rising at an average of 70 per cent since 1993. It is expected to turn in pre-tax profits of £7.3 million (£5.81 million) for this year. David Beever, former managing director of SBC Warburg and now director of London and Continental Railways, joined the board in January.

### US merger go-ahead

H F AHMANSON & CO has withdrawn its \$6.73 billion bid for Great Western Financial Corp. allowing Washington Mutual, of Seattle, to merge with the company to form America's largest savings and loans company. Ahmanson. which first launched its bid in February, said that it could not raise its offer without seriously diluting its own stock. Great Western had rejected the Ahmanson offer, although both companies are based in California, in favour of a rival bid from Washington Mutual worth \$6.74 billion.

### Tradepoint raises cash

SHARES in Tradepoint closed unchanged at 75p yesterday despite falling as low as 60p earlier in the day, after the AIMlisted investment exchange published details of a £775,000 interim funding deal. Tradepoint raised the money through a placing of 1.6 million new shares with existing investors after a hitch in long-term funding discussions last week. The placing was over-subscribed. It is now looking for at least £6 million more in long-term financing. The value of share deals needs to increase by a factor of nearly 15 for it to break even.

### James Crean sells stake

JAMES CREAN has sold its 27.8 per cent stake in United Beverages Holdings to Guinness for IrE129 million. A further consideration, up to a maximum of Ir £500,000, may become payable to Crean based on the results of UBH for the year to May 31 and the period from June 1 to completion. UBH is engaged in the wholesale distribution and manufacturing of soft drinks and other beverages. James Crean said the disposal of this non-core activity is a further step in the completion of its strategic objective of restructuring and simplifying the group.

### Warner Estate steady

WARNER ESTATE, the property investor, suffered a slight fall in pre-tax profit, from £4.86 million to £4.82 million, in the six months to March 31, although net asset value rose from 249p to 250p a share. Total earnings for the half year fell from 7.87p to 7.10p. Dividends rose from 4.00p to 4.15p. Warner said that activity in the commercial property market has increased since the industry became more confident about growth prospects. The residential market for both investment and vacant properties is improving.

### shows profit nuclear power plant operator, has made its first profit and The British Airways Diners Club Card is designed specifically for frequent flying business travellers. It offers the richest dir Miles awards scheme of any charge ard in the UK. year's losses of £155 million. This was the result of im-**BRITISH AIRWAYS** and 97 per cent, excluding by 2 per cent but as previously If you're a frequent flyer, this charge card 5.940 are to be laid off between Earn 1 Air Miles award for every £5 spent now and the year 2000, as part with British Airways and for every £10 of the company's cost-cutting spent on other purchases: 7 Earnings per share of 5.1p recovered from the previous 300 bonus Air Miles awards when you joing year's loss of 22.1p a share. with the flotation prospectus. A charge card designed specifically The final dividend of 9.1p will be paid on July 28. for business travel with no pre-set; The new contracts for nuclear fuel will run for six spending limit . 🔭 🌯 years from 2000. They include the reprocessing of nuclear fuels. The deal reduces altakes you Antomatic membership of the British Airways Executive Club ready agreed payments that have to be made after 2005. Use of Diners Club business and airport lounges worldwide in addition to the current financial year because financial exposure margins can be shifted down now. British Airways Executive Club lounges available if you are a Silver or Gold Robert Hawley, chief execu-tive, said: "This is a tangible Executive Club member . . . . . result of our new working relationship with BNFL." So the sooner you apply for the able year. British Energy will British Airways Diners Club Card, the award its staff up to 2,000 sooner you can start earning Air Miles share options, at a price to be set in July and exercisable in awards - faster. In Till Bloom & S. three years. Every employee will get at least 1.000, plus Innual fee and certain exclusions apply. another two hundred for every To receive full details and to apply for the Card CALL US FREE ON 0800 00 00 10 Quoting Ref: 3608/A EXECUTIVE CLUB BRITISH AIRWAYS complete and return this coupon to: Diners Club International, FREEPOST 0F (503, Thame, Oxon OX9 3ZY tonal Holdings N. U. AIR MILES awards on held and street for one subject to AIR MILES Consoner Trees and Condition British Airways Executive Club Number (if applicable)

### year of service up to five years. RJB seeks state's support on coal

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

RJB MINING. Britain's higgest coal producer, yesterday held up the prospect of developing the largest coal reserves for 20 years - but said that the move depended on the Government showing commitment to the fuel.

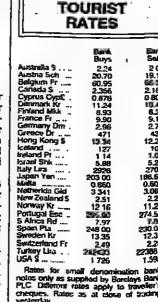
RJB has a licence to sink a mine in Nottinghamshire that would tap up to 450 million tonnes and create 500 jnbs. But it is unlikely to go ahead with the £300 million project for about two years, by which time the market for coal in the UK will be clearer.

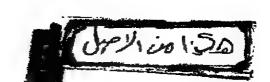
Then it will pull back from development if it does not

believe it will have buyers for the fuel. RJB is looking for reassurances from the Gov-ernment that there will be substantial support for clean coal technology and that coal will be supported in a mixed fuel energy policy.

The mining company is

involved in talks with the main generators for contracts to start running next year. These are the first negotiations to be conducted with the privatised electricity industry, which is free to take in cheap exports and to switch more of its power stations to gas.





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any chance of success. Unfortunately, Sir Peter has a bit of an image problem. The man who took the rash decision to appear on television in the guise of a guardian angel ac-tually stands accused of heading an organisation that continues to sell people products they do not need. This, of, course, would

have been perfectly acceptable if Sir Peter were still at Sainsbury's, where he once earned a living helping to promote expensively grated carrots and other non-essentials. It is not considered acceptable when the products are financial services.

As the scandal over the misselling of personal pensions has ranted on, the line from the Pru has been that the chief executive could not be held responsible for the company's failure on that score. The career of the pugilistic Mick Newmarch was hurned on

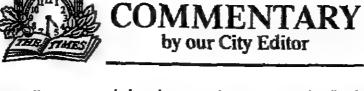
But Sir Peter can no longer be allowed exemption from blame. He has been in charge while the Pru has been guilty of failing to deal with righting the wrongs of mis-selling. The company was high up the list of offenders as far

Whose welfare should come first?

as Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary, was concerned as she told the industry to move speedily to compensate victims.

And now it seems that the misselling has not ceased. Its regulator, the Savings & Investments Board, is far from happy with the way that the country's biggest insurance and pensions company is drumming up business. So upset was SIB, on seeing how products it deemed unsuitable were being sold to clients, that it has demanded the entire direct sales force of the Pru be tested again to establish whether individuals are qualified to take muney from a naive public.

Retraining and relesting will prove awkward and expensive for the Pru. The news that it is necessary could be even more damaging for the company. For perhaps the SIB is being charitable in suggesting that what was needed was better training. It is just possible that at least some of the sales force were perfectly well trained, but still had difficulty in coming to terms with telling a potential client that he would be better off putting his money in National Savings than with the Pru. After all, a nagging voice in the salesman's pocket



Savings do not pay my commission." Until Sir Peter and his board have brought their sales force under control, perhaps they should concentrate on looking after the welfare of savers and let others run the Welfare to Work scheme. The Pru might even be able to provide work for some of the unemployed that the Govern-ment wants to help. In the short term, they could help to fill out cheques for all those who are still waiting for their compensation.

Davies sounds an early warning

Y OWARD DAVIES has sounded a timely warn-ing to City dealers in some of the more exotic deriv-

There is already mounting concern among those responsible for the standing of London as the foremost global financial centre that traders have for some time

worked on the assumption that European currency convergence of some sort would take place in January 1999 and they have placed their bets (cops sorry) executed their hedging strategies

If EMU does not now take place or evolves in a different form, softer in every sense, then banks and their security arms could face massive losses. Add to that volatile mixture the fact that many "stress" testing pro-grammes used by banks are not robust enough and you can understand Mr Davies' con-

What is clearly needed now, and what the Deputy Governor had in mind, is a concerted effort by all concerned to work together to ensure some sort of uniform risk assessment models. Rocket science is all very well but what the Bank, and subsequently Super-SIB need is a practical and sensible early warning system on a potential crisis. What might

seem like a little local difficulty in one bank's trading book could easily enough lead to a systemic failure. That would do London no good.

Without being too alarmist, Mr Davies seems to be echoing what the impressively energetic Helen Liddell will be outlinining today. That is that City regulation, and that most certainly means risk control, will only be more effective if all parties concerned work together. This can be achieved by the industry seconding staff to various watchdog hodies such as the Bank's uwn nine-strong Traded Market

Buth sides are on a sharp learning curve but if all concerned are working on the same lines there is less likelihood of potential loss-making positions remaining hidden until it is too

A second munitoring tool could be to merge the Bank's Special investigations Unit and the SIB's equivalent into a high powered task force patrolling the market with powers to spot check any rumour or market concerns at an early stage.

In the event of a disaster this SAS of the financial markets could also be mobilised as a rapid response unit to limit any subsequent damage or market

### Out-of-town plans out of the window

The car is accelerating towards acquiring the same level of social unacceptability as tobacco, but the speed may not be fast enough to satisfy the Government.

This week it has tried persuasion as the route to encouraging people to leave the car behind. but there is a growing suspicion that it will soon reach for the stick. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is thought likely to raise petrol tax in his Budget next month, but another measure which might also appeal to an environmentally conscious administration is to call a halt to out-of-town development.

The rush to escape the confines of built-up areas has seen retailers rushing out of town, where they can spread their wares and their car parks. More recently. they have been followed by the leisure operators, putting multiplex cinemas, sports centres and the like on sites with plenty of

free parking. In his reign at the Environ-ment Department, John Gummer had already begun to clamp down on such schemes. Now his successors are likely to take an even tougher line, arguing the need to protect fown centres from dereliction while also diminish-

ing dependence on the car. The ramifications of such a nghtening of policy could be farreaching. Companies such as Virgin, Rank and Warner, for instance, may have to review the charms of the single screen cinema. But a new clampdown can only enhance the value of those out of town palaces that already exist.

### Merger mystery

MRS BECKETT'S address to an invited audience yesterday made clear that she is keen on compet-ition. Quite what this may mean practice remains a mystery. While corporate financiers were delighted to learn that mergers may not have to be justified as positively in the public interest, most want to see what fate befalls a few bids before they celebrate. The decision on Bass's takeover of Carlsberg Tetley will be more enlightening than Mrs B's speech.

# NFC sales mark 'final' revamp at cost of £49m

BY PAUL DURMAN

NFC, the transport and logistics company, is reorganising its businesses once again, this time at a cost of £49 million.

Gerry Murphy, chief executive, said the latest charges stem from the £207 million of disposals NFC announced yesterday. These include the sale of the Lynx parcel business to a management buyout for £26 million, and the sale of the BRS car leasing operation to GE Capital for £120 million.

Mr Murphy said NFC had "perfectly decent" results and was acting from a position of strength. He said: "We want to focus on fewer businesses. with quite serious financial firepower to invest in those

businesses." He said the latest reorganisation provisions would be the last. One analyst commented: "The trouble is, NFC has been reorganising as long as I can remember. More cynical investors may think that perhaps it's not the final provision)."

Other changes include the departure of Graham Roberts. who was chief executive of the loss-making continental European business. Paid £170,000 last year, he had been with the group for 26 years since join-

ing as a graduate traince. Besides trying to cut the European losses, which rose by £800,000 to £5.3 million in the six months to the end of March, NFC is also reorganising BRS's truck rental, contract hire and engineering

It has closed the Next Day Pallet network that was part of Exel Logistics, and plans to cut

the number of sites from which it operates in the UK. NFC said its underlying pre-tax profits for the half-year rose 13 per cent to £50.1 million, and it also made a £3.2 million profit on property sales. The £49 million cost of the reorganisation and the £20 million profit on the disposals will be taken in the second

The buyout of Lynx, under discussion for several months. is backed by NatWest Ventures, which is investing £9.9 million in the £100 million business.

The parcel firm's manage-ment team, headed by Philip Rose, have invested £1.8 million. Lynx, now returned to profitability, employs 3,000

BRS Car Lease, originally formed to manage NFC's car fleets, made a ElO million profit on sales of £49 million last year. Last September it had net assets of £87 million.

NFC has also sold the remaining US and Canadian activities of Pickfords, the removal firm.

The group's operating profits from the UK and Ireland increased 12 per cent to £39.1 million, aided by a good performance from Pickfords which was itself helped by the strengthening housing

Exel Logistics has surrendered its contracts with Whitbread, Homebase and Boots because they were only marginally profitable. NFC will pay an unchanged

interim dividend of 25p a share on August 11.



Sitting pretty: Colin Pilgrim, left, chief executive, with Paul Clarke, finance director of Heal's, where turnover rose

# Heal's branching out of London

BY SARUH CUNNINGHAM

HEAL'S, the furniture retailer that floated on the London Stock Exchange in March, is planning a new store in Glasgow or Manchester in the next few months.

The retailer aims to expand its three stores, which are all in the London area, to up to ten by opening one or two

The company expects to finish the returbishment of its Colin Pilgrim, chief executive, Tottenham Court Road store. said that the company was fooking to open stores of up to and to refurbish its Guildford 25,000 sq ft in other large cities, including Dublin, store, in the next two years, at Newcastle upon Tyne and Leeds, it is also looking to open stores of 12,000 to 15,000 sq ft in smaller towns and

a cost of about £2 million. The cost of flotation, at the six months to March 29,

£800.000, meant a fall in profits at the interim stage, Heal's reported yesterday. In pre-tax profit was £876,000 year ago. Underlying profits grew 37 per cent, however, on turnover that rose by 22 per cent, to £13.2 million. Like-forlike sales growth was 18 per cent. Mr Pilgrim said that trading had remained buoyant into the second half.

The company will not pay any dividend until the end of its financial year.

### Thomson to be sold for £80m

By Eric Reguly

A MANAGEMENT team backed by 3i. the venture capital firm, agreed yesterday to buy Thomson Di-rectories, the main competitor to BT's Yellow Pages, for £80 million.

The price is lower than expected. US West International, the overseas arm of America's US West Media Group, bought Thomson from Dun & Bradstreet for about E90 million in 1994. Thomson publishes 164 local directories in the UK.

The buyout team was led by Gary List, 45, a former Burger King executive who has been Thomson's chief executive for three years. Six other senior Thomson managers joined him. Mr List said the group will expand the business and develop new media formats for its content. Thomson recently launched CD-Rom and Internet services.

US West said it will spend the £80 million on its wireless telephony and cable businesses. In the UK, it owns half of One-2-One, the mobile phone company, and is a significant investor in TeleWest. the second-largest cable

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### BT chief to double pay if MCI won

BY ERIC REGULY

SIR PETER BONFIELD, the chief executive of British Telecom, is to be paid a bonus of £500,000, equivalent to his annual salary, if the company completes its £13 billion takeover of MCI, America's second largest long distance phone company.
BT's annual report, released

yesterday, said the bonus would be paid over two years and will "take into account his contribution to the closing and effective implementation of the merger". Sir Peter is to become chief

executive of the merged com-pany, to be called Concert. The merger, recently approved by the competition authorities in Brussels, awaits US approvals, which are expected in the autumo. Sir Peter will also become eligible for a variety of Concert bonus and share option plans. The value of the plans, however, will not be disclosed until next year.

Sir Peter's base salary in the year to the end of March, his first full year of employment at BT, was £498,800. A bonus of £225,000 and benefits took is total pay to £750,900. He and Sir lain Vallance, chairman, are eligible for performance-related bonuses limited to 50 per cent of their salaries. Sir lain earned £698,900 in salary and bonus, up from £657,500 previously.

Michael Hepher, managing director who left BT in January 1996, is still on the payroll and earned £510,000 in the last financial year. BT decided to continue paying him because he did not resign and was not fired. Mr Hepher, now chief executive of Charterhouse, is to be paid until his contract runs out in August.

### Beckett in signal of approval

cities such as Bristol, Bath.

Oxford and Cambridge.

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET BECKETT yesterday gave the go-ahead to National Express to take over North London Railways, the fifth rail franchise awarded to the bus and train travel group. The President of the Board of Trade said there was no

need to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the merger of National Ex-press with the company that runs services from London to Northampton and in north and west London.

The decision comes two weeks after Mrs Beckett referred the National Express takeover of two other companies amid claims that its national coach service raised competition concerns. Rivals criticised the award

of the ScotRail franchise in Scotland and Central Trains in the West Midlands, saying passengers on some routes would be deprived of choice. National Express won arguably the most lucrative franchise, the subsidy-free Gatwick Express, and has also taken over Midland Main Line. Mrs Beckett also said yester day that she would not refer

Great Western's acquisition of North West Railways to the MMC. In ruling on a referral in the case of the ScotRail and Central rail routes, Mrs Beckett overruled Office of Fair Trading advice, prompting suggestions that the new Government was taking a tougher line on rail franchises. But she underlined agreement with officials on the latest cases by saying "I agreed with the Director-General of Fair Trading that there were no competi-tion or other concerns which

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STOCK MARKET



# Norwich Union races to 349p on grey market

later this month appears to be cesses at the Alliance & Leicester and Halifax by providing its customers with

large windfalls.
The price being quoted on the unofficial grey market last night was 349p — way above the guideline of 240p to 290p laid down by the Norwich's financial advisers. Customers are in line to receive a minimum 150 free shares as part of a £4 billion giveaway. They can buy more at a 25p discount to the average price tendered by the big City institutions.

Dealings in the Norwich are due to start on Monday week and the company will be admitted into the list of top 100 companies in September.

Last night brokers were expressing scepticism at the 345p bid/353p offer being quoted by IG Index, the City bookmaker. One commented: I will be quite surprised if it fell outside of the 240p to 290p. range already quoted.

Even so, IG Index has a good track record on premarket openings and came close when forecasting the Halifax price. At the price quoted last night, the mini-mum windfall for Norwich customers would be worth £523,50p.

The rest of the equity market made a firm start on the back of the overnight rally by the Dow Jones industrial aver age. But these gains were not held, with the Governor of the Bank of England again warning about a revival of inflationary pressures in a speech at the International Monetary Fund conference held in Switzerland.

This, combined with an opening fail on Wall Street, left the FT-SE 100 index 0.7 down at 4,557.1 by the close. Turnover reached 844 million, with early attention again focused on the financial sector. HSBC rose 2312p to £18.70, reflecting a strong overnight performance in Hong Kong. Commercial Union was 15p down at 65712p as SBC Warburg, the broker, expressed concern about potential problems for the group in France after this week's election

The City has started bracing itself for a bid soon for troubled Laura Ashley. The price fell 5p to yet another new low of 81 2p and is starting to look vulnerable. This latest fall was sparked by the seller

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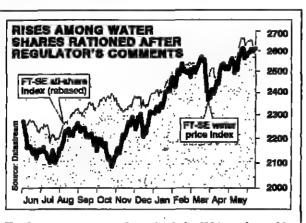
Regina Budginaite processes Norwich Union applications

of a line of 750,000 shares at and Lehman Brothers has the 80p level.

Further reflection of Tuesday's better-than-expected profits news made sure that Vodafone was the best peforming share among the top 100. It rose llp to 28212p on turnover of 20.54 million shares, Merrill Lynch, Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull and SBC Warburg have all been enthused by the numbers raised its target price from 300p to 320p.

Speculative buying contin-ued to drive Shield Diagnosties, with the price ending 45p higher at 497p, stretching the gain of the past two days to 75p. Whispers suggest a bid, at some stage, from rival British

Atlas Converting Equip-ment responded to the bid



THE water companies were sent reeling by the comments from Ian Byatt, the industry regulator, over the big increase in dividend payments to shareholders. He described them as "unsustainable", raising fears that they may be forced to be less generous in future. But brokers were agreed that his views were unlikely

Nigel Hawkins, who follows the water companies for Yamaichi said: "If's just a shot across the bows. Byatt set all the figures back in 1994, so it's a bit rich complaining now." Robert Miller-Bakewell at NatWest Securities points out that the water companies already have fairly clear dividend policies laid down until the year 2002.

They are not going to back off now. But the timing of their results iust ahead of the imposition of a windfall tax - is

The fallers included United Utilities, 15½p to 679½p. South West Water, 5½p to 723 p. Thames Water, 5p to 685p, and Wessex. 5p to 393 <sup>1</sup>2 p.

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a leap of 160p to 80712p. The terms of 815p a share value Atlas at £86.2 million. News of a bid approach saw CNC Properties touch 87p before ending the session just 2p better at 7812p. Recent highflyer TLC also raced up 28p to 125p on news of a bid ap-

A profits warning left Frost Group nursing a fall of 29<sup>1</sup>2p at 90p. James Frost, chair-man, blamed the continuing petrol price war and said profits for the current year vere unlikely to exceed last

Blick also tumbled 35p to 24712p on the back of a profits warning. A first-half profits shortfall was compounded by the news that the second would be better, but was

The dividend cut Readient left the shares 34p off at 37p, while the profits setback for Stavely Industries hit

Tradepoint touched 60p be fore rallying to close all-square at 75p after revealing details of its latest fundraising exercise. As part of an interim deal it has raised £775,000 by

gest monthly rise on record in the service sector index from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply under-mined bond markets. Worries about growing inflation were also undermined by that speech the Governor of the Bank of England made at the IMF in Switzerland. Prices drifted for much of the day. but closed off the bottom with

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt fell E1132 to E11338 as the total number of contracts complet-ed reached 60,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished E1332 lower at £108532, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per

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unlikely to match last year. There was also a profits warning at Tunstall, which knocked the shares 2312p to 149p. The group suffered a profits setback in the first six months of the year and said that difficult trading conditions still persisted.

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☐ NEW YORK: Blue chips

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### **TEMPUS**

# A problem building

SHORTAGE? What shortage? The Building Employers Confederation is pooh-poohing reports that truckloads of brickies are being poached from one building site to another by sub-contractors. Their reductance to admit to a problem is understandable. The unions have rejected a pay offer that is already inflationary; meanwhile the taxman is cracking down on the black economy, forcing sub-contractors

to pay National Insurance.

The industry's offer, an increase in hourly rate from £4.58 to £6.05 per hour by June 1999 amounts to about 15 per cent a year over two years, but the figures are somewhat meaningless as the construction labour market is highly fragmented. A recent survey by EC Harris showed bricklayers in London earning £82 a day, compared with £58 for the same job in Wales. The labour shortage is acute in

London and the South East, caused by years of recession in which skilled workers fled to Germany. With the German construction bubble burst, electricians and bricklayers are looking for work, but many have hopped over

to Ireland attracted by better wages.

Hardest hit by wage rises will be housebuilders such as Berkeley Group and Beazer which have extensive operations in the South East. Wages amount to about half the cost of building a house, excluding land. With plot costs high in the London area, a 10-15 per cent rise in wages will eat into margins. The builders are not yet complaining about wages because they hope to pass on the cost in rising house prices. That may look achievable today, but the removal of mortgage interest tax relief could make housebuyers less accommodating and the builders less attractive.

### NFC

DESPITE an absence of bad news, shares in NFC have performed miserably over the past six months, losing a third of their value. The logistics company seems at a loss to explain why.

The market's nagging doubts about NFC were not dispelled by the £49 million cost of its latest reorganisation. After all. Gerry years as chief executive, and the corporate upheavals go back much further than that. The sale of the BRS carleasing operation and the Lynx parcel-delivery busi-ness will bring in net cash of

£168 million. NFC is also releasing £32 million by pulling out of Whitbread, Boots and Homebase. These moves

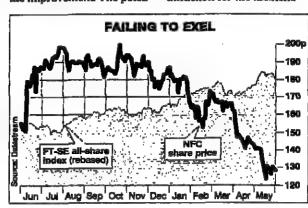
will leave NFC with little in

the way of gearing. Yet, NFC is failing to find attractive investment opportunities, and is making slow progress adding to its main UK

business Europe remains a bigger problem. Losses have crept up again, making this the fourth year of red ink, with little prospect of any immediate improvement. The poten-

tial cost of laying off any of the 6.000 European employees and awkward property contracts restricts NFC's room for manoeuvre.

With the group making steady if unspectacular progress, the dividend is secure and the yield is now nudging 7 per cent. That looks like NFC's greatest attraction for the moment.



### British Energy

A COMPANY'S first profit should be cause for unre-strained celebration. Not so at British Energy, where the directors were at pains not to tempt the Chancellor to wield the windfall tax stick. However, British Energy is an unlikely target; the company has huge liabilities, and last year's privatisation could not be described as a windfall for

Excluding the minor tax worry, investors have little reason not to be satisfied. The hefty cost reductions of the last few years are ended but profits should rise further. Still more employment reductions are in the pipeline and last year alone costs

decreased 10 per cent. To replace nuclear profits to diversify. The core nuclear business has reached its halflife in this country, with no new nuclear power stations planned. Burning gas to pro-duce energy will be cheaper

for the foreseeable future and in April the company bought a 12.5 per cent share in Humber Power, with a view to expanding its gas-fuelled generating interests in the UK and abroad.

Other domestic gas companies are being eyed up by British Energy, but the inescapable impression is that the nuclear generator is chasing a market that is past its peak. With a core business using an ageing and declining technology, cost savings will become harder to achieve. Meanwhile, there are more able players in the hot gas power generation market. Hardly a growth story.

### Frost Group

FROST GROUP took a gamble last year; once the leader one look at the titans of the industry, Esso and Tesco, sharpening their swords and fled the battlefield, refusing to sell petrol at a loss. In the end, Frost survived, smaller but still profitable, while the industry as a whole probably chucked £1 billion down the drain. Frost hoped that hostilities would end as the small independents were sacrificed in the pursuit of volume, but the battle continues.

Frost will continue to survive, and the industry is at last pushing through a small increase in the petrol price. but the profits outlook is

However, there is hope for shareholders in the chance of a bid as the Save retail chain accounts for 2.5 per cent of the UK petrol market, a valuable asset to refiners like Texaco, which need a market for gasoline. The American oil company is expanding its own petrol retailing chain, adding hamburgers and doughnuts to its product cannot absorb anything like the gasoline output of its refinery and Frost's Save chain could solve the problem.

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panies have two crucial decisions to make in the next few months. They have to decide whether they want to be content providers and packagers as well as distributors, and whether they want BSkyB to remain as their main source of programming The cable companies - led by Cable and Wireless Communications, the four-way merger of Mercury Communications and

The struggling cable-(A com-

three cable companies, and TeleWest, the number two player - are under extreme pressure to devise a winning long-term strategy in a hurry because of the imminent arrival of competing methods of television delivery. This month, the independent

Television Commission is to decide the outcome of the race for the digital terrestrial TV licences. The winner will gain the right to broadeast dozens of digital channels, greatly expanding viewing choice for the three quarters of the popula-

### Cable TV players signal time for action Eric Reguly examines two vital decisions that the industry

tion who have bought neither cable nor satellite TV services. Meanwhile, BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News international, owner of The Times, is pushing ahead with plans to launch some 200 digital channels and interactive services by next spring. The explosion of choice threatens to leave the cable companies in third place in a market that

two main delivery systems. The cable industry is a mess. The shares of each of the publicly listed players are trading below their flotation prices: TeleWest shares sank to a third of the issue price last week. Debt is enormous because of the billions spent gouging trenches into the urban landscape, and profits are nowhere in sight. Only about one in five homes passed by

must take as digital promises viewers an explosion of choice cable takes the service. Furthermore, they are not seen as masters of their own destiny, RSkyB dome-

nates their programming schedule to the extent that the typical viewer may have enough room for only closely identifies cable with BSkyB. There is no cable-TV "brand" and little popular programming that does not come from

The cable companies, of course, were generally happy with this arrangement in the early years. Without BSkyB's offerings, notably the premium sport and movie channels, they might have no TV customers at all and they cannot

justify their existences as telephony-only husinesses. They have since come to the conclusion that their relationship with BSkyB is not ideal, partly because it costs them more money than it used to.

Alan Lyons, an analyst at Hoare Govett, said the gross programming margins carned by the cable companies have declined from 55 per cent in 1995 to 40 per cent. It is the view of some analysts that the cable companies have two ways to rectify the situation. They can either develop a closer arrangement with BSkyB, in which they would continue having the bulk of exchange for less costly terms, or do the opposite. This would mean developing their own content or buying it from another source. Two main sources of content would increase viewer choice, potentially hoosting cable-TV penetration rates and giving BSkyB some incentive to drop its prices.

It seems highly unlikely that the cable companies will opt for developing their own content. Mr Lyons said: "The cable companies just want to be distributors. What they want to do is what they know best,

telephony networks." If so, they would have to buy the services form someone else. Enter the Mirror Group, owner of the Daily Mirror newspaper and the Live TV cable channels, and Flextech, the second-largest provider of cable and satellite programming, after BSkyB. The Mirror and Flextech know each other well. They each own 20 per cent of Scottish Media. the ITV and newspaper group, and David Montgomery and Roger Luard, their respective chief execu-

tives, are friends. The Mirror has proposed launching a vehicle known internally as the Programme Company. which would supply and package channels for the cable companies. Details are scanty, but it seems that the family of subscription channels that are to be launched by the new

Flextech-BBC joint venture would be on offer if Flextech could be convinced to back the Mirror. Rights to other channels and services would be purchased and a TV brand clearly identified with the cable companies would be developed. The Mirror newspaper. for its part, would be used to crosspromote the channels and provide

Programme Co wants Cable and Wireless Communications and TeleWest to become shareholders. Without their support as equity partners as well as buyers it is unlikely that Programme Co will get off the ground. CWC has been approached and is thought to be

taking the proposal seriously. There is no guarantee that the Mirror proposal will become the deal that reverses the industry's flagging fortunes. What seems certain, however, is that, one way or another, a sea change is in store for the way cable companies do

> collapse might never have happened. In a sense what is

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Head of Corporate Affairs.

Bridgwater Road, Bristol.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY WILLIAMS,

Bristol Water Plc.

PO Box 218.

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**BUSINESS LETTERS** 

Governor's supervision called into

question after three bank disasters

From the chairman, Barings 04 per cent Perpetual Noteholders Action Group

Sir, It is very comforting to

read that Lord Alexander app-

cars to have expressed the view that Mr George "has been an excellent Governor".

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From the Head of Corporate

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# Motoring showdown heads for the high-technology showroom

**Kevin Eason** on a revolution

that will hasten the demise of the shifty

forecourt shark

rthur Daley would have thought a greenhouse gas was The hot air rising from the compost heap. For Britain's favourite car salesman vesterday, the launch of a high-profile Government campaign to get more commuters out of cars, must have been an uncomfortable meeting of cosy past and uncertain future.

machinery designed entirely to entice buyers to burn carbon fuels and fill up their ten feet of road space were the target of ministers telling drivers to leave their cars at home during the month-long "Don't Choke Britain" campaign.

Britain is awash with cars and not even a salesman of Arthur Daley's genius would be able to shift them. The next generation of salesmen might though, as the days of the hand-wringing, shifty forecourt shark are almost will become the high-technology battleground that will determine which carmakers make it through the millennium. The frontline staff who confront the customer and cut the costs that could keep a carmaker in business will be as vital to the efficiency of the manufacturer as the man on

the assembly line. A century after Daimler cars spluttered out of Britain's first factory in Coventry, the motor industry faces a revolution, spurred by overcapacity and the demands of increasingly environmentally conscious governments bound to demand curbs on car use.

The industry has blown apart government predictions of an increase in car ownership that would be terrifying by any standards - from 25 million now to 40 million cars in use by 2020, a growth rate bumper-to-bumper jams seem

a minor interlude. But the truth is likely to be much different. The signs are that car sales are levelling out



Daley dose: the type of car salesmanship represented by the actor George Cole is facing a marketing shakeup

as markets like Britain reach maturity, while the demands for reduced congestion will see many consumers swapping the car for a bus, train or cycle. The Society of Motor Manu-

facturers and Traders says that the ownership figure for 2020 is more likely to be 30 million, depending on demographics and how many cars are scrapped annually. So carmakers will have to accept annual sales of new cars at around 2 million for the forseeable future, at a time when there are too many manufacturers making too many models — 4 million too many curs unnually in Europe alone. As a result competition will be fiercer than at almost any time in the industry's history as carmakers become increasingly desperate to keep costly assembly lines running at a capacity high enough to

generate some profit.

There are more cars to choose from and more badges. A decade ago Ford took up to 30 per cent of the British new-

now it is struggling to hold on to 19 per cent in the face of European and Japanese competition, as well as Far Eastern marques such as Daewoo and Hyundai from South Korea, and Proton of Malaysia.

Nobody buys a car any more either: they buy a "lifestyle", so manufacturers make a range of models from one chassis, such as the Ford Puma being launched soon sports coupé on top but Fiesta underneath. The marketing is slick and there is little more carmakers can do to improve factory efficiency, particularly in Britain where they have been among the quickest to adapt and utilise the just-intime delivery and team-working techniques pioneered by the Japanese. Costs are down to the bone, factories are working longer and quicker and the quality of cars is

ships, which often seem to be geared to the needs of Neanderthal man, could not be car market, relying on its greater. But the good old days

Western Europe mainstream Escort and Fiesta: of piling them high and selling are replacing cars. them cheap, with salesmen haggling over price simply to keep the metal moving, are doomed. The showroom revolution might have started slowly but will gather pace in the next three years at a rate that will shock dozens of dealers out of business.

> The Retail Motor Industry Federation calculates that today's 7,400 franchised dealerships will be no more than 5,500 by 2000, and will probably be concentrated in fewer hands as the top ten dealer companies - already among the world's largest retailers exert their influence over the way we buy cars.

Chris Macgowan, the federation's chief executive, says: "It is finally registering with the manufacturers that the dealer is not the last link in the chain: it is at the centre of the hub and vital to their future. We have reached a stage where the prospect of continuous growth in annual car sales and ownership is no more; we constantly to the numbers," he said. To stay in the market, carmakers and dealers will have to have products to sell at the right price and be able to distribute their cars properly. cheaply and efficiently."

efficiently they forgot the mechanics of getting their prod-uct from factory to showroom. Dealers would hold vast and expensive stocks on vast and expensive lots of land in an assortment of specifications or colours. If the customer in Exeter wanted red when there was only blue in stock, the dealer had to trawl the network and have it shipped

Malcolm Harbour, director of the International Car Distribution Programme, estimates that the total cost of such inefficiency could be as much as £431-a-car — around 5 per cent of the retail price of a family hatchback.

As dealers become more efficient, they must also change their image: out with

While manufacturers spent a decade striving to make cars entertainment and a marque that can provide products throughout a lifetime. Consumers educated by

Disney theme parks, where every dream you want is yours or Virgin, where the customer is not only king but treated as a charm of the boss. increasingly refuse to be fobbed off by salesmen with an eve on the month-end bonus. The inditional image of the dealer whose welcome amounts to a plastic cup of machine tea and a year-old copy of Autocar, will give way to automotive theme parks: central hub showrooms that exhibit each model and feature computers where you can drive the latest model on a simulator, and provide a playpark for the children. The cars on display will reflect the lifestyles of the customer, guiding them through each age from budget starter model through company runabout. thirtysomething family people-carrier to grey power

The salesmen — and women will be salaried and not on bonuses that can distort their need to offload a car onto a customer who doesn't really want it. Meanwhile, servicing will be at satellite dealerships located in suburbs near to customers' homes, which might have access to an Internet Web site with prices puterised link to the hub, but

no cars in stock. Daewoo, the South Korean manufacturer, pioneered the concept in this country but has not gone as far yet as many analysts predict that many carmakers must to stay in existence. Streamlining distribution and concentrating on megastores will cut costs. which could be reflected in lower prices, stimulating sales for manufacturers that get the

"European mass-market car retailing has been fundamentally unprofessional." Daniela Becher, senior partner at Fitch, the international design company, says. "The industry failed to perceive that consumer expectations have increased dramatically with companies such as First Direct, Virgin and Nike breaking traditional retail barriers. It is time car dealerships tapped into the They must act fast and radically if they are to satisfy the sharpened appetites of the highly-aware consumer."

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# Raised voices

THE battle to find a successor to Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, by next spring has occasioned some heated scenes within the bank's Baker Street boardroom. There are three internal candidates. In the lead is the institutions' favourite, Ian Harley, 46, finance director and 25 years an Abbey man. Coming up on the rails is Andrew Pople, 38, in charge of retail banking, who may have to wait until next time around. Third is Tim Ingram, 49, managing director of the European arm. Tempers have become frayed, and even



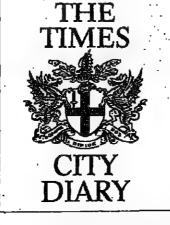
"I call it Pru because I keep having to take it back for retesting"

on occasion lost, I fear, over the preliminary merger talks with NatWest and the failed bid for Scottish Amicable. Birch wants to bow out on a high note. My boardroom mole tells me that not all Abbey directors are as keen for a NatWest link - some opposed it even if this prevented them from currying favour with Birch to be his chosen successor. Perhaps the Abbey should instead resume merger talks with the Pru.

• GAVIN STRANG, our new transport secretary, addressing a joint conference held by the pressure groups London First and Transport 2000: The only true test for the Department of Transport is, what progress are we making on the ground?"

### Crash time

WHEN, several weeks ago, I revealed the identity of Tony Blair's hairdresser, the poor man's salon was promptly besieged by tabloid reporters. Here's another tip, boys. An industrial tribunal hearing in Croydon Monday brought by one Caroline Olds. Her former employer, Computacenter - yes, I fear that is how they spell it - provided, among other things, the dealing systems at NatWest Markets, BZW and SBC



super-saleswoman earning £250,000 at her best who has been dumped after nine years with the company. She also alleges sexual discrimination. The company is denying this. "We've gone out of our way to be cooperative, and it's very unfortunate it's come to this," said a spokesman. The point is that on Monday there may, or there may not, be some rather hairy allegations made about Olds' relationship with a senior colleague. We shall see.

### **Options** trade

HOWARD DAVIES was in sardonic mood when he addressed the opening of the conference on international derivatives at the Inter-Continental Warburg.Olds claims to be a former Hotel on the subject of the single cur-

tures and options markets might be for EMU to go ahead, given the huge amount of business this would drum up for dealers, he accepted. But he added: "It is a moot point as to whether the impact on the profits and bonuses of derivatives traders will be the number one criterion in the minds of Labour MPs when they come to reach a view on EMU - but I will certainly draw it to their attention if you would like me to."

### Archie's choice

ARCHIE NORMAN, chairman of Asda and fledgling MP, will today or tomorrow decide which of the Tory party leadership candidates he will support. Rumour has him edging towards William Hague, a fellow graduate of McKinsey, the management consultants. Norman has been strangely silent since the election, but he breaks his silence to admit this -"at the moment the stress is on the word considering. The sensible thing for people in my position is to see all the candidates and form a view". There is one more contender for Norman's support, but he is not saying

But what of rumours that the man who turned around Asda might be up for the party chairmanship, and the rather more difficult job of revitalising the Conservative brand name, if Hague wins the election? "One of the things you discover about the leadership election is that because there are six candidates, all sorts of

people get suggested for one position or another," he says, which I take to mean that all sorts of promises are being made in smoke-filled rooms. I'm completely new to the House of Commons - I might not have the experience." Too modest, too modest.

 THE Hodgson presence lingers at Ronson. Howard Hodgson may have gone from the lighter firm, but his son Howard Hodgson Jr remains. They could hardly fire him, because his face features in a new advertising campaign for watches, as you can see. with the slogan "It's tough on the streets." How true. Just ask Daddy.

MARTIN WALLER



Ronson's advertising campaign

# Ombudsman fears super watchdog could be a disaster

THE complaints the proposed new turn into a "disastrous" and "bureaucratic" body acting against the interests of investors, the Peter Dean, the Investment Ombudsman, gave warning yesterday.

Delivering his annual report, Mr Dean called for the distinctions between the onhudsmen to be retained under the beefed-up Securities and

new system will create a cumbersome bureaucratic pyramid," he said. "A move in this direction would be quite disastrous and would frustrate the essential aim of

The Investment Ombudsman, whose brief covers complaints against fund managers regulated by the

by fund management

for Legal & General's Elec-

tion Peo was highlighted, in

particular its claim that the

investment offered "market

growth plus 40 per cent. Half of a 300-strong con-sumer panel believed that if

the market rose 10 per cent. the Legal & General scheme

would offer 10 per cent

growth plus an extra 40 per

cent, giving 50 per cent in

total. in reality, investors

stood to receive 10 per cent plus 40 per cent of that 10

per cent, making 14 per cent.

ing director of retail invest-

ment products at Legal &

General, said that investors

were supplied with illustra-

tions pointing out the exact

returns available before

Advertisements for sav-

ngs accounts were found to

make misleading compari-

sons. Direct Line contrasted

one of its savings accounts with a Nationwide account

whose rate was lower than

the building society's postal

account rate. Direct Line

defended the advertisement,

saying that Nationwide had

used the account paying the

lower rate in its own

sending in their cheques.

Michael Hayden, manag-

### Which? attacks 'misleading' financial adverts

Which?, the Consumers' Association magazine, has criticised financial advertisements. describing their claims as inaccurate and misleading. Direct Line and Legal & General are among the named offenders.

The magazine is also critical of the Advertising Stan-dards Authority (ASA), the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) and other bodies responsible for policing investment businesses and advertising, calling them "either too slow, too powerless or too secretive".

Among the shortcomings noted by Which? are the



Havden: "exact returns"

ulatory Organisation (Imro). said that steps should be taken to safeguard the current patchwork quilt system, which respects regulators' specialisms. He claimed that installing a hierarchical system for dealing with com-plaints would damage the administering justice. ombudsmen's independence.

Commenting on Governregulation of financial services unperpinned by a new Financial Services Act, Mr Dean said: "I expect to be consulted before any changes are put in

The ombudsman's annual report revealed that the average time taken to process a complaint has jumped by more than 160 per cent since April 1996, and stands at seven and a half months. The cost of the complaints procedure operation now is an average of £1.000 for every complaint.

Mr Dean admitted that the time taken to process complaints was "unsatisfactory", but claimed that this was due to a rush of extra business caused by the recent closure of the IMRO complaints office. He added that although the number of full-time investigating officers had been cut from four to three last year the average time taken to process complaints was falling, with six months being a target.

Mr Dean admitted that the existence of multiple bodies dealing with investors' complaints created "confusion and

☐ Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, is expected today to call on the financial services industry to second their brightest staff to help to set-up the new super-SIB. Speaking at an Institute of Economic Affairs seminar in London she will call on delegates to follow the US system where staff are seconded to various statutory au-

thorities as a matter of routine. Mrs Liddell is keen to tell the City audience that she wants the shape of the new super-SIB to be determined by a consensus that will meet the needs of both industry and investors. The Treasury's message is that it wants to cut the cost of regulation rather than build a huge monolith. has been without a chief execu-



Roy Franklin is regarded as a likely candidate to be chief executive at Seafield

# Seafield to appoint chief

BY FRASER NELSON

ROY FRANKLIN, who lost his job as managing director of Clyde Petroleum when it was taken over by Gulf Canada two months ago, is expected to be named chief executive of Seafield Resources, the oil

exploration company.
City sources also suggest his appointment may coincide with a takeover approach from Dana, a Dublin-listed oil company, valuing Seafield at more than £40 million.

Seafield, which explores

tive for four weeks after the sudden departure of David Keith, one of its founders.

Analysts said Mr Franklin is a very likely candidate for Seafield, but few saw the logic behind a bid from Dana.

One said: "Mr Franklin has a wide following in the City. and it would make sense for an oil company director without a job to join an oil company without a chief executive. But a takeover by Dana is hard to imagine: they are two

name institutions who would not sell out to a little oil company with a few interests

National Power holds a 23.7 per cent stake in Seafield and PDFM has 15.2 per cent. The value of the holdings has almost haived in the past 12 months. Seafield's shares trade at 48p, valuing the company at £33 million. Dana is valued at Ir£113 million.

Tom Cross, Dana chief executive, is understood to be a per-Seafield is held by a lot of big Seafield's finance director.

THIS is not how large accounting firms, or

even global professional services organ-

isations, are supposed to work. There may be

political and personal battles of astonishing

bitterness when a new chief executive or

managing partner is needed. There may be

blood on the carpets in London, New York and

Tokyo. But the news that this is going on is not

That is one of the strengths of a partnership.

Like the old days of Kremlin politics a favour-

ed candidate "emerges". He, and to date they

have always been a he, then goes forward to a

vote by the full partnership. His is the only name on the ballot paper. It is acclamation

But for Andersen Worldwide, the world's

largest professional services group, it has all gone wrong. It may be capable of generating huge fees (\$9.5 billion last year and an

estimated \$11 billion this year) and providing clients around the world with solutions to

their business problems, but it has messed up

rather than democracy by this stage.

its own. And like many

organisations where head office has got itself into the mire. It has sent for the

What has happened was

predictable, but should not

have occurred. Larry Wein-

bach, Anderson Worldwide's

current chief, has presided

over unprecedented growth

during his two terms in

office. He is standing down

in August and a successor is

required. At this point unre-

management consultants.

supposed to leak out.

# Petrol price war fears hit **Frost Group**

sharply yesterday after the petrol retailing company gave warning that the price war on Britain's forecourts is set to continue, causing further site closures and putting a dent in current-year profits.

The shares, which traded at 150p earlier this year, fell 29'2 p to 90p after James Frost, chairman, told the annual meeting that interim profits are unlikely to exceed last year's first-half profits of £3.8 million "unless there is a dramatic change in the last month of the first half".

Mr Frost said that the company had received several approaches with a view to participating in the inevitable restructuring of the industry, which is expected to result in a mergers. He said the company's present policy is "to keep ll our opnons open".

Mr Frost estimated that more than 1,500 petrol retail-ing sites closed in 1996, equivalent to about 10 per cent of all outlets, mainly because of a price war between Esso, the

SHARES in Frost Group fell Tesco, the largest supermar-sharply yesterday after the ket chain. He said: "The industry must realise before long that a mere lo a litre on prices will improve the aggregate trading position of the industry by £350 million a year and that it is time to realise this potential."

It is estimated that the difference between margins in Britain, Europe's lowest, and Holland, the highest, could be worth around £3 billion to the UK market. Mr Frost told shareholders; "The petrol retailing industry is in a state of flux, with the larger players prepared to lose money now in return for even larger gains in the future." Frost Group is changing its name to Save, the brand name of its petrol retail-

ing outlets, from today. The company said the first half of this year saw several failed market attempts of price rises, which on balance pro-duced results for Frost which are about the same as a year ago. Mr Frost added that it was impossible to predict secondhalf results, although profits in

### Harrods sale to create £3m flats

BY CARL MORTISHED

BERKELEY Group, the housebuilder, is to turn the Harrods Depository in Barnes into a luxury residential complex with penthouse flats expected to fetch £3 million

The Harrods Depository, a vacant Victorian warehouse on a 10-acre site on the Thames, has been sold by the Knightbridge department store to Berkeley Group for approximately £30 million.

The housebuilder plans to build 250 residential units on the site, which is to be re-named "Harrods Village". The development is adjacent to Berkeley's Barnes Waterside scheme, and will include flats and townhouses. capitalising on the riverside position and the association Harrods Estates has been

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appointed to market the development worldwide. The development will in-

clude a pool and leisure facilities while new townhouses will be built in a style sympathetic to the Victorian building. Graham Roper, chairman prices are likely to range from £200,000 for a one-bedroom flat up to £3 million for large

The Harrods Depository was built in 1892 and a terracotta façade, modelled on the Knightsbridge store was added in 1913. Mohamed Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods. said: "Our plans allow for the preservation of the fine historic buildings whilst creating a unique residential environment on an unrivalled site."

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# Faith is sure to lead to change

Douglas Fairbairn assesses the

Labour Party's will to tighten

the screws on tax avoidance

ack in 1995. Labour dismissed the idea of a Statutory general antiavoidance rule, saying it thought it would be unworkable in practice. So you might think that that was a major potential compliance burden out of the way. But its alternative was to allow the tax authorities to "act quickly against newly discovered technical loopholes and abuses - and enable them to assess liability for tax according to their judgment of the real intentions of economic agents, whether companies or individuals, and not by the letter of the law".\*

Since then the reference to non-statutory action has not reappeared but it is clear that the Government is in complete sympathy with the aims

When Ernst & Young asked business people during the election campaign about their view of possible anti-avoidance measures, we found overwhelming majorities who rejected any need for general legislation or giving the Inland Revenue the ability to impose its view of a transaction regardless of the law. We also found that did not agree that any extrathe years of bipartisan rheto-

ric do not seem to have convinced their main targets. You might argue that nothing has changed with the change of Government. But I think a change is on the way, in degree if not in kind. In Opposition Labour was very keen to list "tax abuses" which it thought should be

In some cases these were commercially available planning ideas and, once they had lost the Exchequer enough money to be a nui-sance. Kenneth Clarke duly stopped them. But other "abuses" were no such thing.

While I can see that the Labour Party might disagree with the current tax consequences of the residence and domicile concepts, it is not exactly an abuse to benefit from them in a legal and

open manner. It criticised the CFC (controlled fureign companies) and FID (foreign income dividend) legislation, among others, as being, or containing, "loopholes" - not exactly the first word that springs to mind when I think of them. Finally, there was the "tougher than thou" approach - for instance, the attempt to make



Douglas Fairbairn fears a system that nobody wants

able only through a clearance procedure.

Now we can discount some of this as political rhetoric, but not all of it. I think that at the heart of Labour's think-ing on tax there is a belief that, first, there is a "right" amount of tax to pay and,

the exemptions from the secondly, that the "right" special dividends rules avail- amount is the amount you pay on the tax authorities' interpretation of the facts and the law.

Kenneth Clarke was rather prone to this too. which possibly explains why he doesn't look too much at home among the Tories these days. But with Labour it's off some obvious tax-raising routes, anti-avoidance measures will be that much more If I am right, then we will see an intensification of the

faith - and now it has closed

Clarke approach to antiavoidance. At best, the response to new tax planning schemes will be quicker off the mark and more complete, and tax advisers and their clients will simply have to accept that. At worst, there will be

more vaguely worded press releases, more rushed (or delayed) legislation, more uncertainty during the interim and more compliance burdens for taxpayers trying to carry out legitimate com-

Ultimately, I suspect that the promised review of the corporate tax system might well land us with a general anti-avoidance provision that no one wants. The Inland Revenue would have trouble resourcing it: companies would simply have yet another hoop to jump

through. Opposition is an easy place from which to see things in black and white. Will Mr Brown learn to see in shades

solved problems from Weinbach's cra return to spoil the Douglas Fairbairn is the national head of tax for Ernst & Young, the international smooth transition. Andersens has been pulled business advisers in different ways. Its legend-\* A New Economic Future for ary consulting arm goes Britain, July 1995.

from strength to strength while the rest of the firm graws at a slower, though highly dynamic, rate. In 1989 these tensions were recognised. Andersen Consulting split off as a separate entity, leaving Arthur Andersen, the original firm, behind. An unabrella body, Andersen Worldwide, possides over the two agents.

Worldwide, presides over the two arms.

Consulting had a faster growth rate and it overtook its parent in terms of annual fee income last year. But, crucially for the votes for a successor, it has fewer partners than Arthur Andersen — 1.038 compared with 1.700. That disparity has an effect not only on the relative voting strengths, but also on profit-sharing arrangements.

So in 1995 Weinbach set up a process called Andersen 21 which was charged with coming up with a future strategy to solve this prob-

in how not to do it lem. In Paris at the end of April the results were agreed, with some fudging at the corners. Whereas a head of steam had developed for further splits along the lines of specialisations and product lines, the meeting finally

decided to hold everything together. it was felt better to keep the tensions inhouse than let the potential break-up take public form. At this point the nominating board came up with names for consideration as the new chief executive. They were Jim Wadia, the UK managing partner, and George Shaheen, the head of Andersen Consulting.

Here another set of converging figures are important. Just as the balance of fees earned tipped the political balance between consulting and the rest, the figures emphasising the globalisation of the firm are now crucial. Last year Andersen Worldwide had 45,000 people working in the Americas and 44,000 elsewhere. The most recent figures show that for

the first time the balance has tilted: 49,500 work in the Americas, while some 50,000 work elsewhere. For the first time in the firm's ristory more people work for it outside the Americas. For a firm which has been the most all-American of organisations this is an important cultural shift.

So, leaving aside a pile of other reasons, it seemed to make sense to signal this shift by choosing, for the first time, a chief executive who was not an American. The nominating board put for-ward Wadia's name. If two thirds of the partners voted for him, the job was his. But in an unprecedented failure when the final votes came in

at the end of last week it was clear that while Wadia had a majority it was not high enough. The greatest mistake that Andersens had made was in Paris in April. They had let partners take a straw poll through the electronic voting system at the convention. Shaheen received a 70 per cent vote. Wadia only 60 per cent. On that poll it was obvious that the combination of Consulting muscle allied with the firm's immensely strong American roots would make it hard for Wadia to win through And so it proved.

Now Shaheen's name has been put forward to the partners for a vote. At the end of the process the organisation will pull together. Fees and growth are what is important. But they will only have postponed the most profound changes to a future date.

### Batting for the **English ICA**

BEING president of the English ICA can be a tough job. Members are always complaining. Government ministers can give you a hard time. But Chris Laine, who took up the presidential mantle vesterday, knows that he has faced tougher opposition in his time. And seen it off.

He is an enthusiastic cricketer And many years ago

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS against the bowler at the other

when both men were closer to their sporting prime he found himself facing Wesley Hall. the great West Indian fast bowler, on a fast pitch in Barbados. "He was very quick indeed." he recalls. "There was no time for second thoughts." English ICA members should take comfort from the fact that Hall did not get Laine out. He weathered the storm. "And then I relaxed

end, and he got me out."

### Just a dame

DAME SHEILA MASTERS started her career as an officeholder at the English ICA this week at the gallop, as befits a racehorse owner. At the weekend she let it be known that she felt that the institute was

way". And it is clear that by the time she becomes its first woman president in the year of the millennium she expects action. But she is curiously reticent about her first year on the ladder. She has let it be known in a memo to institute staff that she does not want to he known as the vice-president this year. She is happy to be called deputy president next not run in "a businesslike year and president the year

after that. But for now she has ordered staff to refer to her simply as Dame.

### Joint effort

AUSTIN MITCHELL. the iconoclastic MP whose crusade against the accountancy profession kept up its pace with an article on these pages last week, would like it to be known that he is not alone in casting hot evals onto the leaders of the profession. His article was co-authored by Jim Cousins, his fellow MP.

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# Anti-fraction faction wins US decimal point

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

FRACTIONS edged closer to extinction on Wall Street yesterday after the Nasdaq stock market said it would publish a "position paper" on

decimal pricing of stocks by September 1.

Under intense pressure to follow suit, officials at the New York Stock Exchange, America's oldest, conceded that they would have to make a preliminary proposal on pricing reform this week,

Nasdaq's pragmatic moves (and the NYSE's resentful ones) follow the recent approval, by a senators' sub-committee, of legislation that

would force Wall Street to change its system of stock prices from one based on eighths of a dollar to the tidier decimal system.

The eccentric American method is unchanged from 1752, when the NYSE was founded and the Spanish gold dollar was the most trusted currency in the colonies. Change, then, was made by physically breaking the deeply scored coins into eight equal pieces.

So entrenched is the system that when the Nasdaq market was launched in 1971, it, too, embraced the hoary system of fractions. No other country shares the system. But experts believe that it costs investors billions of dollars

in stock purchase prices that might otherwise be lower. The size of a "tick" — or minimum price movement - on the NYSE is 12.5 cents. Increments of one eighth favour buyers much

less than increments of a tenth would. Senator Michael Oxley, a co-sponsor of the Bill on decimal pricing currently before the House of Representatives' Commerce Committee, said the fractions system was "anticonsumer". He said: "Decimals are also easier. They make perfect sense."

Proponents of decimals say they are necessary for three reasons: everyone else has them: small buyers would understand the market better; and the "spread" between buying and selling prices for stocks would narrow. This last point lies at the centre of the NYSE's opposition to change: the larger the spread, the higher the traders' commission.

Yet with all US exchanges bar the NYSE now accepting that the eighth is a fraction too large for fair trade - Nasdaq, this week, became the latest to permit the one-sixteenth tick - the gentle push for the decimal has become a powerful shove. In a letter to Senator Oxley, even the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission conceded that the demise of the fraction was "inevitable".

Greencore

to appeal

against

**EU** fine

FROM EILEEN MCCABE

GREENCORE, the Irish sugar, milling and malting group is to appeal against the IrE6.6

million fine handed down by the European Commission.

The fine was imposed after the Commission ruled that Greencore's wholly owned subsid-

iary, Irish Sugar, had engaged in anti-competitive practices in

Despite the imminent ap-

peal, estimated to cost around

r 1300,000, Greencore has to

hand over the fine to Brussels

immediately. Yesterday the

company said it was taking an

exceptional charge of 1rE5.8 million in the first half and

Ir £1.2 million raised through

the sale of two non-core assets to cover the costs of the appeal and the line.

The charge resulted in a sharp drop in interim pre-tax profits to IrEZ2 million from

almost Ir£26 million for the

same period last year. Operat-ing profits before exceptional

items were up 8 per cent to

[r£28 million and headline

earnings per share were up 6 per cent to Irl2.5p.

The company said its sugar sales for the first half had been hit by three Irish Green Pound devaluations triggered by the strengthening of the Irish pound against the German mark. But despite the 9 per cent drop in sales the division

cent drop in sales the division

recorded a 6 per cent increase

Sales in the agri-business

sector were also down in the

first half largely because of a

decline in demand and price of

animal seeds. Lower cereal

prices and a farmer boycott of

its fertiliser business also con-

tributed to a fall of irel.3

million in operating profits to IrES million. But the compa-

ny's other foods divisions, which include Erin, the con-

sumer foods business, saw a 28 per cent surge in operating profits to Ir£6.3 million.

However, the company said

that full-year profits before

exceptional items will be lower

than in 1996. Greencore de-

clared a 13 per cent rise in its

interim dividend to Ir2.6p.

payable on July 28.

in profits to Ir£13.6 million.

the Republic.

# <sup>a</sup> Minister to tighten up on rogue directors

THE Government will today announce a sharp rise in the number of directors to face disqualification — and unveil tough new rules aimed at protecting consumers when companies go bust.

Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, is expected to threaten punitive sanctions for rogue operators as part of a wider drive to clean up trading standards. Mr Griffiths has promised a "revolution" for British consumers, saying their interests have been neglected by previous governments.

The number of directors banned or disqualified increased nearly 50 per cent last year, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Some 946 directors were deemed unfit to hold office, up from 633 in 1995. Actions were started against 1,376 directors, up 20 per cent on the previous year.

The rise in disqualifications is partly because of new reporting standards intro-duced last September, which make it easier for insolvency practitioners to identify and



Griffiths: tough stance

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report misconduct. Ministers are keen to promote a healthy business climate in which enterprise can flourish.

Today's pronouncements are intended to underline the Government's commitment to protecting the consumer. Mr Griffiths is expected to single out so-called "phoenix directors" who continually reinvent themselves with new enterprises, leaving a trail of disadvantaged creditors and consumers in their wake. A relatively small percentage of rogue directors is to blame.

Examples include un-bonded travel agents who go out of business, stranding passengers, and throwing holiday plans into disarray. As unsecured creditors, consumers rank well below the banks and suppliers in terms of distributions. Mr Griffiths will reaffirm the Government's tough new stance on rogue directors and pledge to put questionable practices under increased scrutiny.

Mr Griffiths has kept up a fast-paced programme since taking office. He has cau-tioned against lenders who prey on people with poor credit records, and pledged early action on a raft of fronts. He has been particularly critical of electrical retailers, who have been put on watch by the high-priced extended

Mr Griffiths has pledged to take "whatever steps are necessary" in ensuring that people taking out bank loans and mortgages have all the available information at their

He said: "The system now is

far too weighted in the banks and building societies' favour. and consumers find themselves at a disadvantage."

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increase it experienced in the first half continued in the second half of the year.

The American company is named after its 70-year-old founder and owner. Mr Larsen, a fabrics designer, will remain as a consultant for at least three years after the change of ownership. The company specialises in innovative woven textiles and currently does not sell outside the

chief executive of Colefax and Fowler, emphasised that there was little overlap in designs. He said he will introduce the Larsen brand to British and continental European markets. Larsen had turnover of £3.3 million in the six months to the end of last year, and pretax profits of £200,000.



### Colefax and Fowler buys US company

By Sarah Cunningham

COLEFAX and Fowler, the wallpaper and furnishing fabrics group, is to pay £4.03 miltion cash for Jack Lenor Larsen, the US fabrics company. The acquisition is being part

funded by a conditional placing, carried out yesterday, of 1.27 million new ordinary shares in Colefax and Fowler at 105p, raising £1.34 million. Rationalising the Larsen business will result in an exceptional charge of some £1.25 million in the current financial year. The acquisition will take Colefax and Fowler's gearing to 40 per cent. Colefax and Fowler said that the sales

David Green, chairman and

### Fall in material costs boosts **Allied Colloids**

chemicals market helped Allied Colloids to stage a firm recovery last year as it overcame the strength of the pound to turn in record yearend results.

The pollution controls, minerals and paper company credited the fall of global raw material prices for its recovery from last year's slump as it returned pre-tax profits 30 per cent ahead at £54.6 million.

CPS, the American poly-mers producer that it bought for £234 million in January, generated profits of E5.1 million before tax, although inter-



A RETURN to a more stable est on the debt taken to make the deal cost £1.2 million. Chemical prices, which

surged 25 per cent two years ago, eased 12 per cent last year, allowing the company's gross margin to be restored to 40.8 per cent by March. against an average 36.2 per cent the previous year. Earnings grew to 6.76p a share, from 5.57p last time, with a 10 per cent dividend rise to 3.15p. A final 2.51p is due on August

Tighter environmental leg-islation in Europe and the US helped its pollution control division to generate a 15.7 per cent increase in sales. Its paper division saw a 12.4

per cent jump in business as printers returned to the market after running out of stock, built up to avoid the surge in pulp prices two years ago. Although overseas markets

spoke for 89 per cent of group sales, the company profited from the soaring pound by hedging orders and using the gain to pay £19 million less for the \$390 million acquisition of CPS in November. David Farrar, chief execu-

tive, cautioned that currency fluctuations will shave about £6.5 million from the results next time, but this would be offset by profits from CPS.

# Atlas board backs £86m takeover bid by Finns

By OLIVER AUGUST

THE board of Atlas Converting, the machine manufacturer, has recommended an £86 million takeover bid, which was yesterday an-nounced by Valmet, the Finnish paper machine maker. The offer values the shares at 815p, a premium of 26 per cent on Tuesday's closing price.

Chris Rogers, the Atlas chairman, said the merger with Valmet would strengthen its international base. Matti Sundberg, the Valmet chief executive, said: "This acquisition brings together a global leader in paper ma-

generally expected that prices chines, process automation and related services for the will begin to rise at the latest pulp and paper industry with by the latter half of this year.

The acquisition will enable Valmet has received irrevo-Valmet to market a full range of products to the flexible cable undertakings from the packaging industry world-wide. This acquisition is in directors of Atlas to accept the offer, representing a total of 26 per cent of the share capital. line with our strategy to grow The acquisition is seen as a our core businesses and prommove to increase market share ises to be very fruitful for both agrressively ahead of expected companies." price increases.

Atlas is based in Bedford and Heywood, Greater Man-Valmet said: "Prices of pulp chester, and employs 500 and various paper grades remained at the low level to people. Its main interest is in which they fell during the first the manufacture of winders and vacuum metalisers and The company added: "It is

sheeting equipment.

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

### Troubled Readicut blames sterling

READICUT International is to cut its dividend for the first time in seven years, claiming that the soaring pound has blunted its ability to compete in every one of its markets at home and abroad. Cheap foreign imports were weakening its core UK market, it said, leading to pre-tax profits of £10 million (£9.27 million) for the year to March 31 — some £5 million behind what some analysts were expecting. The total dividend falls to 2.58p (3.44p), with a final 1.95p due August 11.
Sales of umbrella frames propped up its industrial

products division, whose exporting arm saw profits decline from E3.3 million to E3 million. Yarns and fibres profit fell to E1 million (E3.6 million) after heavy costs setting up a US operation, which has since broken into profit. Its yarn spinning business lost £2 million after a plan to turn it around ran into difficulties. Brian Leckie, chief executive, said the dividend cut saves £1.78 million. He said: "We believe that the dividend was maintained without cover for too long."

### Caffyns lifts payout

CAFFYNS, the motor dealer based in Sussex, is increasing the annual dividend for the first time this decade after pretax profits rose to £1.3 million from £629,000 in the year to March 31. The company reports a strong start to the current financial year. Turnover rose to £165.55 million from £160.5 million previously. The total dividend is lifted to 12.5p a share from 11.5p, with a 7.5p final. The shares rose  $17\frac{1}{2}$ p to 320p yesterday.

### Blick down at half time

SHARES in Blick, the electronic equipment company, fell 35p to 247 a p as pre-tax profits fell from £7 million to £6.2 million after a disappointing performance from the Teletechnicom subsidiary. Earnings fell from 15.20p to 13.54p but the half-year dividend is held at 4.5p. Alan Elliot, the chairman, said: We have had a difficult half year. Remedial action has been taken and I believe that the second half of this year will be better than the first but is unlikely to match last year's."

### Westminster acquisition

WESTMINSTER Health Care, the nursing home and health care group, has acquired PPP Beaumont, PPP Healthcare's nursing home and assisted living division, for a total of £22.6 million. PPP Beaumont, with net assets of £22.4 million at December 31, operates nine nursing centres with a further two under construction, comprising 510 registered beds with 148 assisted living apartments. In 1996 it earned pre-tax profits of £160,000 on turnover of £8.3 million.

### **Barcom sales increase**

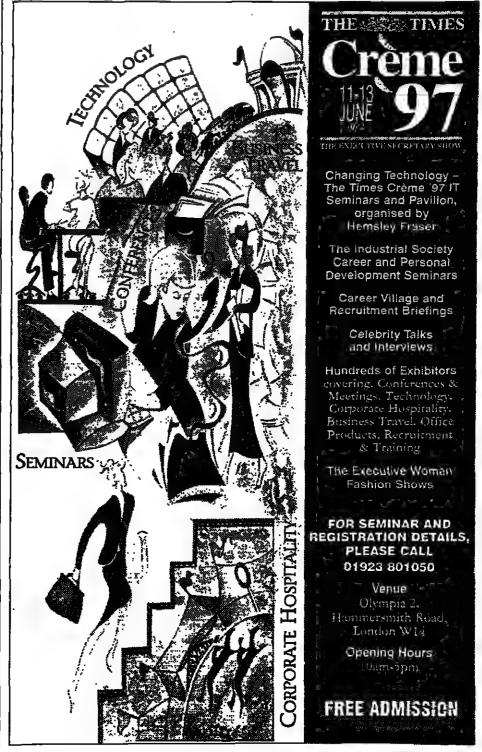
BARCOM, the building and construction group, raised pre-tax profits from £908,000 to £1.3 million in the six months to March 31, on sales up from £21.3 million to £27.2 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.7p to 2.2p and a maintained interim dividend of 0.5p will be paid. Barcom said all its operating divisions were profitable and continue to benefit from limited exposure to the construction sector. It added that recovery was evident in the level of construction activity.

### **Interim slip at Tunstall**

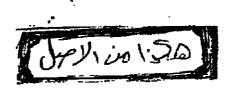
SHARES in Tunstall Group fell 22p to 150p after pre-tax profits for the six months to March 31 fell from £4.1 million to £2.9 million. It warned the market on prospects for the second half. The interim dividend rises from 1.68p to 1.85p, reflecting what directors say is "confidence in the future performance of the group". Earnings fall from 8.5p to 5.6p. in market conditions in the short term is unlikely.

### Lookers moves ahead

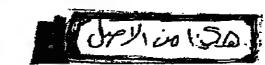
LOOKERS, the Manchester motor distributor, raised pre-tax profits 27 per cent to £4 million in the six months to March 31 on sales up from £210 million to £290 million. Earnings fell from 6.7p to 6.2p. The interim dividend is held at 2.6p a share. Borrowings have fallen from 50 per cent to 43 per cent of shareholders' funds. Ken Martindale, the chairman, said: "We are now in a position to resume our growth" after the reorganisation following the Charles Hurst acquisition.



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the claimant could reasonably

sufficiently different from the ear-

lier claim to admit of a realistic

prospect that a favourable view could be taken of the new claim

despite the unfavourable conclu-sion reached on the earlier claim."

Those observations of Sir Thomas Bingham had to be read

in the context of everything he said at p783 under the heading "A fresh

claim" including his acceptance of the proposition that, if the fresh

claim depended on new evidence, then it had to satisfy tests, analo-gous to those in Ladd v Marshall (1954) 1 WLR 1489) of previous unavailability, significance and

The judge was correct in holding that the Home Secretary's conclusion that the application did not constitute a fresh claim was

The applicant's claim was based

on new evidence, essentially on the copy of the second arrest warrant.

Its authenticity was supported by a report signed by a Turkish solici-tor. Two genuine warrants had

also been tendered by way of

That evidence, standing on its own, satisfied the Ladd v Marshall

lests. Clearly it would have an

important influence on the result

of the case and it was apparently

The evidence relied on by the

Home Secretary in his letter of June 14 did not displace the

properly fall into some different

Their Lordships did not consider

that the case fell into category 2

which required her advisers to

have been genuinely and reason-

ably misled. Her solicitor took a

wrong, if understandable, view of

the law. That could not be equated

category of reinstatement cases.

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# Further application a fresh asylum claim

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Boybeyi

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice

(Judgment May 14) When dealing with applications for asylum, the Home Secretary, having rejected one claim by an applicant, was bound to treat a further claim by that applicant based on new, apparently credible evidence of which a favourable view could be taken as a fresh claim for asylum. That issue, against which decision the ap-plicant had no right of appeal, was separate from the second issue the Home Secretary had to decide. whether the claim should be acceded to or rejected and which

gave the applicant the right of appeal to a special adjudicator. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Home Justice Sedley on January 24, 1997, in proceedings for judicial review quashing a decision of the Home Secretary refusing to consider new evidence produced by the ap-plicant, Coskun Boybeyi, as a fresh claim for asylum.

Mr Ian Ashford-Thorn for the secretary of state: Miss Christa Fielden and Mrs Joanne Rothwell for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the question was whether the Home Secretary's refusal to treat a claim based on new evidence as a fresh claim for asylum ought to be reviewed on Wednesbury grounds ti1948i | KB 223); see R v Secretary ment. Exparte Onibivo (The Times April 2, 1996; [1996] QB 768) and R

Department, Ex parte Ravichandran (The Times May 13, 1996; [1996] Imm AR 418).

The applicant was a Turkish Kurd who had applied for asylum on his arrival on March 14, 1994. That application was refused, the special adjudicator not dissenting from the Home Secretary's view that an arrest warrant produced by the applicant in support of his application was a forgery, In April 1996, after directions for

the applicant's removal had been given, his solicitors informed an immigration officer that they had received from Turkey a faxed copy of another warrant for his arrest. That warrant, purported to have been issued on March 14, 1996, in

respect of an offence committed in 1992, described the applicant as being "a member of an illegal organisation and taking part in the organisation's activities" The Home Secretary in a letter of June 14, 1996, refused to reconsider

the applicant's claim stating that he did not consider that the information submitted amounted to a fresh claim for asylum. The judge stated that the ques-tion was whether it was open to the Home Secretary to treat the new evidence produced by the ap-plicant as anything other than a

resh claim for asylum.

Having examined earlies authorities, principally R v Sec-retary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja ([1984] AC 74) and R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Expante Bugdaycay ([1987] AC514), he answered it in the negative. The judge summarised the apnlicant's case in four propositions

explained by Sir Thomas Bing-ham, Master of the Rolls, in Ex consideration to every potentially genuine asylum claim, even where the applicant had previously made such a claim without success. 2 Rule 346 of the Statement of

Changes in Immigration Rules (1994 HC 395) excluded mere repeat applications. 3 Where there was evidence of a relevant and substantial change in circumstances (rule 346), or wh new evidence was advanced which could not reasonably have been advanced earlier, an obligation

arose to entertain the newly made claim whatever the grounds for rejection of the previous one.
unless the new evidence (a) was not intrinsically credible, or (b) was not capable, even if accepted, of producing a different outcome. 4 Those being the policy and objects of the legislation and rules

the Home Secretary could not reasonably refuse to entertain an application for asylum to which none of the foregoing exceptions applied. Essentially the question was whether there was a real issue

The judge then came to the real difficulty in the case, which was occasioned by the Home Sec-retary's role as the judge of two First, whether the new claim was second, if so, whether it ought to be

However, while in broad agreement with the judge's statement of Home Secretary, it was not in every respect in accordance with

acceded to or rejected.

ista credible. If the letter had been directed to and excluding material on which the second question, it would probably have been unimpeachhave been expected to rely in the earlier claim, the new claim is able. It was not however, a the first question, namely whether

a fresh application had been made. It was understandable that the dual role of the Home Secretary should, in such circumstance have become merged into one. But, as the judge rightly emphasised, the applicant's lack of a right of appeal to an adjudicator against an unfavourable determination of the first question made it essential that it should be kept separat from the second

Mr Ashford-Thom submitted that the Home Secretary was not bound simply to accept the ap-plicant's evidence as it stood and was, for the purposes o deciding the first question, entitled to make inquiries of his own.

That, as a general proposition, was accepted. But the evidence on which he relied did not displace the apparent credibility of the applicant's evidence. It was also important to emphasise that the requirement embodied in Sir Thomas Bingham's test was that there should be a realistic prospec that a favourable view could be

That sort of test was a familiar one. It was not a very high test. On the facts of the instant case which were not those of any other, it could not have been reasonably determined that there was no such

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

that the defendants were the statutory body responsible for the

recovery of sums due to the European Community, either because large sums were neceived from the Community or because the plaintiffs failed to make payments they should have made. The

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice [Judgment May 16] A judge had erred in law in dismissing both a plaintiffs' claim and a defendants' counterclaim, on

Purcell Meats (Scotland) Ltd

and Another v Intervention

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the apparent conclusion that, where parties had acted with reasonable expedition, the court was obliged to hear the case, whatever difficulties as to proof occurred, but could decline that task where the parties to the litigation had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay, even when that delay had not caused the Having found that the delay was

not causative of serious prejudice, nor of the impossibility of a fair trial of the action, the judge was bound by Birkett v James (1978) AC 297, 318F-G) and should not have dismissed the claims. The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defen-dants, the Intervention Board for

Agricultural Produce, against the order of Mr Recorder Kallipetis, that approach was wrong in law. QC, sitting as an Official Referee, on January 8, 1996, dismissing the claim of the second plaintiffs, Ulster Meats Ltd, for EL6 million and the counterclaim of the defendants for £2.6 million, in respect of Ing to dismiss transactions governed by the com-mon agricultural policy of the A similar question was put to the

European Community. Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr Rhodri Thomson for the defendants: Mr Brian Leveson, QC and Mr Nicholas Green for Ulster

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said

liabilities alleged had arisen be-tween 1984 and 1986.

Delay caused no prejudice

to conduct of case

The judge had said: "I conclude therefore that although Ulster Meats may be prejudiced at trial because of the lack of documents and witnesses, they were in just as bad a position in July 1991 when the period of relevant delay for this argument commenced, and I do not find that their position has been materially affected by the delay of [the defendants], but if anything by their own delay and neglect."

Mr Parker correctly pointed out that the logic of the judge's stated position was that where parties had acted with reasonable expedition, the court was obliged to hear the case, whatever difficulties as to proof occurred, but the court could decline that task where the parties to the litigation had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay, even when that delay had not caused the difficulties before the court. He submitted that

The judge cited no authority for his conclusion that the court in lurisdiction in the absence of actual prejudice to the party apply-

House of Lords in Grovit v Doctor (The Times April 25, 1997; [1997] | WLR 640, 642). To answer that question affirmatively would require a reconsideration of Birkett v James and in particular the criticism of its requirements of the need to show serious prejudice caused by the delay to the defen-dant seeking dismissal.

Their Lordships declined that invitation, both on the facts of the case, where it did not arise, as there was an abuse of process junder the first limb of Birkett v James] and because the respondents were not represented. Mesowhile the court was bound

by Birkett v James. Again, the delay had to be causative: see Trill v Sacher ([1993] 1 WLR 1379, 1399). The judge, like the Court of Appeal, was bound by both Birkett v James and Trill v Sacher and accordingly should not have dismissed the claim and counterbefore the court that the parties conduct amounted to an abuse of process. Accordingly, the judge had been wrong in law to dismiss

While that finding was deter-minative of the appeal, his Lordship would question whether in fact a fair trial was not possible. The scheme of the various relevant European Community regulations required documentary proof to be submitted by the plaintiffs to justify their retention of the various subsidies given under the prepayment scheme. By their counterclaim, the defen-

dants had the burden of showing those documents were not submit ted to them. If they could do so on the balance of probabilities, there would be by definition a fair trial. If they could not discharge that burden because of the delay, there would still be a fair trial, because it you could not on the balance of probabilities show that moneys were due to you, you would not recover under a fair trial. His

possible for the court to do justice. Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Beldam agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Intervention

Lordship believed that it would be

### Categories to allow reinstatement of case closed

Romano v Croydon London Borough Council Before Lord Justice Brooke and

Lord Justice Waller

(Judgment May 22) There was no further category of cases which would allow reinstate ment of actions automatically struck out beyond the two identified in Bunnister v SGB pic (The Times May 21 so that a reasonable

Where documentary material was

admitted in evidence as drugs

paraphernalia the judge had to be

particularly careful to direct the

jury that before they used such

material they must be sure that it

was demonstrably relevant not

only to past dealing in drugs but also as to a future intention to

The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division (Lord Justice McCowan,

Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice

Sedley) so held on May 8 in

Regina v Lovelock

resulting in a plaintiff missing the guillotine deadline did not do away with the obligation to face a strict application of the requirement that she prosecute her action with

reasonable diligence. The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when allowing for other reasons the appeal of Marisa Romano against an order of Judge Byrt. QC. at the Mayor's and City of London Court on May

allowing an appeal by William

Lovelock against conviction on December 3, 1996, of two counts of

possessing a class A drug with

intent to supply and two counts of

intent to supply, for which he was

MR JUSTICE OGNALL said

that the cases of R v Gordon (11995)

Crim LR 142). R v Grant (1995)

Crim LR 715). R v Smith (Ivori

(1995) Crim LR 940) and R v

Okusanya (1995| Crim LR 941)

sentenced to three years imprison-

29, 1996 refusing to reinstate her personal injury action against Croydon London Borough

Mr Daniel Serota, QC, for the appellant; Mr John Norman for

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, givthat before applying the guidelines

there was no doubt that the

requirement for a careful direction.

in such cases applied also to

documentary evidence such as the

sheet of jottings which was admit-

Their Lordships could find no

direction in the summing up in

which the jury were told how they

were to deal with that list. The

absence of such a direction was a

ted in the instant case.

material non-direction.

with being genuinely and reason-An attempt was made to argue Drugs paraphernalia direction that there should be some third category of reinstatement cases into which Miss Romano's case should be fitted: in other words dence of sums of money found in that there should be a category in the possession of the accused but

which a court might allow reinstatement where the plaintiff or her advisers had missed the guillotine deadline because of a reasonable misinterpretation of the rules, without their being obliged to face a strict application of the requirement in Bannister category i that that she should have prosecuted her action with reasonable diligence.

In Bannister the court rejected the notion of there being a third

category of a rather different kind, that is, where it could be alleged to be inequitable not to allow reinstatement by virtue of the way the parties had conducted

But in truth the argument for either that third category of for the third category now being sugsested came down to an attempt to persuade the court that in some cases although the plaintif could not satisfy the category 2 test of being misled, her excuse for miss-ing the deadline should be considered powerful enough to make it necessary for her to have to satisfy the category I test of having prosecuted her action with reasonable diligence.

in Bannister the court did not think it right to contemplate the creation of a third category of cases. Their Lordships did not consider that a mistaken, albeit understandable, interpretation of the rules by the plaintiff's own udvisers was any better candidate for a third category.

Solicitors: Anthony Gold Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

### Urgency of extradition case

Regina v Bow Street Magistrates' Court and Another, Ex parte Allison

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill Judgment May 131

When the government of the United States of America was applying for a provisional warrant for the arrest of a fugitive for extradition, an urgent case was one that was urgent at the time of the Issue of the warrant, regardless

of the cause of the urgency.
The Queen's Bench Divisional
Court so held when dismissing an application by Adeniyi Momodu Allison for judicial review of the decision of Mr Nicholas Evans. Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate on March 17. 1997 to issue a provisional warrant for the applicant's arrest under paragraph 5(1)(b) of Schedule I to

Mr R. Alun Jones, QC, and Miss Helen Malcolm for the applicant: Mr James Lewis for the US Government and the magistrates'

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that under the terms of article VIII(I) of the United States (Extradition) Order (SI 1970 No 2144) a provisional warrant could only be

lssued in urgent cases.

The magistrate had been satisfied that the case was urgent because the applicant, who had been in custody awaiting extradition for other offences also committed in the USA, was likely to be released very soon and then to airgonti.

It had been submitted on behalf of the applicant that the United Status government could have sought the warrant much earlier, but delayed, and that they should not be allowed to rely on urgency of their own making.

His Lordship said "urgent" in

that context meant urgent at the time of the Issue of the warrant, judged according to the facts as they existed at that time.

There was no justification for excluding from the category of urgent cases those cases where urgency would not have arisen if requesting state had taken different or more expeditious action. A magistrate was not required to investigate the factual background giving rise to the urgency but was entitled to look at the situation as it existed at the time of the issue of the warrant.

Mr Justice Astill agreed. Solicitors: Burton Copeland: Crown Prosecution Service,

### Scots Law Report June 5 1997 Court of Session

# Foetus has no independent legal existence or actionable rights

Kelly v Kelly

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Cullen). Lord McCluskey and Lord

Judgment May 24] To cause a foetus to be aborted was not a civil wrong that was actionable at the instance of the foetus. The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so

held, refusing a reclaiming motion

by Mr James Kelly against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary

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Mr Colin Sutherland, OC and Mr Daniel Kelly for the petitioner:

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK, delivering the opinion of the court, narrated the effect of the Abortion Act 1967 and went on to say that its provisions were not of themselves determinative of the question of whether carrying out an abortion might violate any person's legal

rights. The main arguments which Mr Sutherland presented broke down into five points:

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I An action of damages lay at the instance of a child's guardian.
including the father of a legitimate
child, in respect of wrongful injury
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Board (1993 SC 309) and compare 2 Such an injury was actionable at the instance of the child, acting through his or her guardian, and not at the instance of the mother as an individual: see section 2 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

3 If such an injury created an actionable wrong, it had to be a wrong not merely sounding in damages after the event but also a wrong capable of prevention by interdict in advance of the wrong occurring: see Burn-Murdoch

4 in that connection, the wrong which was capable of being inter-dicted could not be confined to one which was only capable of causing injury to, and not the death of the

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5 in regard to what he described as a peripheral issue, there should be no fiction that injury to a child caused ante-natally only occurred in law at the child's birth. The reality was that harm occurred when the foetus suffered damage. It did not occur at birth.

Their Lordships observed that the latter submission ran counter to what had been said by Lord McCluskey in Hamilton. Their Lordships had no diffi-

culty in accepting the proposition that the remedy of interdict would be available at the instance of a person or his representative to prevent damage being deliberately caused to that person, being damage which, if it occurred, would sound in an award of damages in favour of that person.

Second, if an abortion was an actionable wrong to the focus as such, their Lordships agreed that the father would be entitled to take proceedings on behalf of the focus. However, the critical question-

was whether the abortion was or could be an actionable wrong. Mrs Smith submitted that the fatal fluw in the pursuer's argument was that of treating the foetus as a person with rights. So long as there was an unborn foetus there was no legal persona which was separate from that of the mother and hence no wrong done to the foetus as such.

The focus was part of its mother's body, in the eyes of the law, in the same way as the placenta and umbilical cord. It was no doubt in recognition of that that in the criminal law abortion was a distinct crime and was not subsumed in the crime of murder. In Hamilton, Lord McCluskey had said: "An unborn person, a

foctus, is not a person in the eyes of

the law — at least in relation to the law of civil remedies". In Paton v British Pregnancy Advisory Service Trustees [1979] I QB 270), Sir George Baker, Presi-dent, had said: "The foctus cannot, in English law, in my view, have a right of its own at least until it is

born and has a separate existence fnom its mother." In C v S ([1988] QB 135) the Court of Appeal affirmed a decision of Mrs Justice Heilbron who had said that a claim on behalf of a thild "crystallises upon the birth, at which date, but not before, the child attains the states of a legal persona"; see Re F (in Utero) (1988) FCR 529).

in Medhurst v Medhurst ((1984) ODLR (4th) 252), the Ontario High Court of Justice had quoted with approval the observation of Mr Justice Robins in Dehler v Ottawa Civil Hospital ((1979) (0) DLR (3d) oso) that "While there can be no doubt that the law has long recognised foetal life and has accorded the foetus various rights, those rights have always been held contingent upon a legal personality being acquired by the foctus upon its subsequent birth alive." In Borowski v Attorney-General Canada ((1987) 39 DLR (4th)

731) the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal had referred to the majority opinion of the US Supreme Court in Roc v Wade ((1973) 410 US II3) and had also concluded that there were no cases in Anglo-Canadian law giving the foctus a status qua foetus: see Trembiay Daigle ((1989) 62 DLR (4th) n.34). The question for the court was a

question of law and not a question of policy. None of the decisions to which their Lordships had been referred appeared to provide sup-port for the view that a foctus had a legal personл, or was otherwise recognised as capable of heing vested in personal rights for the

protection of which the remedy of interdict might be invoked. Mr Sutherland had submitted that none of the decisions in other that note in the decisions in other jurisdictions had answered the question: "If it was legally wrong to damage the foctus, why was it not capable of being interdicted as

a wrong?"

However, that question itself hegged a further question: namely, given that a claim could be made by or on behalf of a child who had been born in respect of an injury caused by what had been done before his or her birth, did it follow that injury to the foctus was actionable before the birth? In their Lordship's opinion it did not, and their answer to the

question appeared to be supported by the general approach which had been followed in Scotland and in other jurisdictions.

Whether it was an actionable wrong to the unborn foetus for an abortion to be undertaken depended essentially on whether Scots law conferred on the foetus a

Their conclusion was that Scots law recognised no such right on the fuetus. It fullowed that no person could invoke the power of the court to vindicate such a right Their Lordships made two fur ther observations. In the report of the decision of the European Commission of Human Rights in Paton v United Kingdom ((1980) 3 EHRR 4(8) the Commission had rejected the proposition that article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights recognised an ab-

right to continue to exist in the

solute right to life of the foetus.

Second. if the foetus had the right to its own protection which could be vindicated on its behalf by interdict there would be no reason why it should be confined to cases

If such a right existed it could be used as the basis for a father taking legal action with a view to restraining the mother from some form of activity which was claimed to be harmful to the foctus, such as smoking and certain sports and occupations. There was plainly room for conflicting views as to

interests of the foetus.

In the circumstances, their Lordships were of the opinion that the legal proposition on which the pursuer's case for interdict was based was without foundation. Accordingly, he had not set out a

Little had been said about the

was not a concept that was apposite in the circumstances and their Lordships expressed no opinion on that matter.

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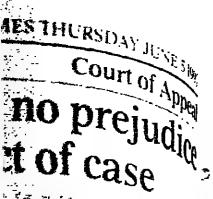
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FILM 1 Bruce Willis flounders in the aimless futuristic flab of Luc Besson's The Fifth Element



FILM 2 Crash proves to be a chilly exercise in perversity, but not worth all the outrage

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FILM 3 A hijacked

plane, lashings of violence: Con Air offers a pulverising night out



■ FILM 4

Melancholy Finnish humour comes from Aki Kaurismaki in the tender Drifting Clouds

## CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees the French director Luc Besson pour \$90 million into the black hole of The Fifth Element

t the Cannes press conference for The Fifth Element, Bruce Willis said he enjoyed working at Pinewood studios, where Luc Besson's mammoth film was made under a thick veil of secrecy. But our catering came in for sharp criticism, especially the doughnuts.

it would be wrong to attribute the film's faults to Pinewood's food trolley. Even the best chef in the world would be powerless against Besson's incoherent Englishlanguage script, the less-thanspecial effects and the speciacle of impoverished imaginations running riot. Besson, the French wonderboy of Subway and La Femme Nikita, first thought of this subject as a teenager in the mid-1970s. Time has done nothing to improve the story's inconsequential and derivative tone.

Cars weave through the air through the concrete canyons of 23rd-century Manhattan. A malevolent planet threatens Earth with destruction. Bruce Willis sweats a lot in an orange singlet. Fearsome creatures shaped like metallic armadillos mass for business. Carrot-topped Milla Jovovich escapes from her genetic engineering lab to cavort in bandages and speak a language used in the Universe, so we are told, "before time was time". Gary Oldman, as the villainous Zorg, struts appallingly with a false leg, a southern accent and half of Hitler's hairdo. Ian Holm acts gnomic and wise, while Chris Tucker screams his head off as a DJ queen on a cruise ship circling

During this carnival of 1990s camp and comic-strip fungus, audiences are forced to play Hunt the Plot. It can be found, just about. There are four ancient totems representing fire, earth, wind and water. Willis and Holm fight to control them, the only known weapons against the malevolent forces. But Besson obscures this narrative nub with so much disjointed blather that much potential drama is lost. A veteran of L2 Monkevs, Willis takes the foolishother cast members ranges from the tantalising (Jovovich) to the embarrassing (Oldman

¶he film also disappoints visually. Gaumont, the veteran company whose origins stretch back to 1895, stumped up \$90 million, a French record, to realise Besson's dream. The most glamorous assistants were chosen: costumes by Jean Paul Gaultier, design concepts by graphic novelists Moebius and Jean-Claude Mézièrs. But the Manhattan aerial views have a Toytown ring: the flying taxis look far too flimsy. Even when Besson's technical battalions deliver the goods, the jumble of props and irrelevancies fatigue and irk.

On now to Crash which, like most of David Cronenberg's adventurous films, would have passed through cinemas largely unnoticed were it not for the ban by Westminster Council, and the orchestrated howls of outrage from our selfappointed moral guardians. Now there is a large body of people eager to discover what

So what will they find? A striking film, but one cold as

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Braces? Check. Ratty old vest? Check. Weapon set for blowing large holes in the scenery? Check. Bruce Willis brings his own special charms to the overblown futuristic melodrama of The Fifth Element

# No real need to watch this space

ice; so tightly controlled in image and word, so aloof from ordinary life and its characters' thoughts, that it defies audience involvement and ultimately enjoyment. Certainly it never begins to titiliate, for all the sex and violence.

Deborah Kara Unger begins proceedings by rubbing her breasts against an aircraft. But it is cars, especially crashed cars, that engineer the ultimate sexual thrill. A collision involving James Spader (Unger's husband) and Holly Hunter provides an introduc-tion into Elias Koteas's society of crash fanatics, who stage recreations of notorious accidents, like the one that finished James Dean. Koteas's aim, he says, is to use modern technology to reshape the human body. They make a fetish of their wounds. They make novel use of a car wash. Other things I cannot begin to describe.

Cronenberg did not need J.G. Ballard's visionary novel of 1973 to suggest these obsessions. His own work shows a parallel fascination with a dehumanised future and sex fused with technology. No matter how bizarre the spectacle, Cronenberg himself is completely at ease as he controls the subdued colour palette, choreographs the camera's slow glide over To-

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Kari Väänänen and Kati Outinen in the Finnish minimalist Aki Kaurismäki's gloomy but enchanting Drifting Clouds

ronto's freeways, and tapers the actors' speech to a hush. Indeed the glacial, rigidly stylised mood is so omnipresent that it grows to swamp any element of drama. Ballard described his book as "a warning against that brutal, erotic and overlit realm that beckons more and more persuasively to us from the margins of the technological landscape". But Cronenberg numbs the audience so much that wider issues are hard to grasp; ultimately, the film becomes one damn car crash

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As for the media hysteria and the consequences for im-pressionable youth, there seem two likely lessons to be drawn from Crash: wear a seat belt when driving, and don't see any more Cronen-berg films. The first is good advice, the second not, although this extreme and chilly exercise in perversity is hardly the director's best advertise-

Con Air offers the "acceptable" face of movie violence: mammoth explosions, grinning serial killers, planes and cars colliding. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is the master of the style, and his latest product will not disappoint anyone who goes to the cinema to be pulverised. A lumbering plane ferrying America's nastiest prisoners is hijacked by John Malkovich, alias Cyrus the Virus, who plans to fly them to freedom. Nicolas Cage, a parolee en route to domestic bliss, plays along with Cyrus while trying to alert the good guys on the ground. Actors and dialogue are smartly attuned; but they are eaten up by the billowing propane fire, the hurtling debris, and every

The Fifth Element Empire, PG, 127 mins Flabby sci-fi epic from Luc Besson

Crash ABC Shaftesbury Ave 18, 100 mins Buckle up for Cronenberg's controversial movie

Con Air Odeon West End 15, 103 mins Pulverising escapades in a hijacked plane **Drifting Clouds** Metro, PG, 96 mins Minimalist delight

Men, Women: A User's Manual Curzon Mayfair 12, 122 mins The world according

from Finland

to Claude Lelouch Alive and Kicking ABC Shaftesbury Ave 15, 100 mins

Sympathetic Aids drama

rollercoaster stunt that Bruck-heimer and his British director, Simon West, can imagine. The film is ferocious in its attack on human sensibilities: I had to attend Evensong at St

Paul's to recuperate.

Aki Kaurismäki, probably.

will not be going to see Con Air. "I have no esteem for films in which people are slaughtered with guns in the name of entertainment," he has said. "If one starts to shoot and play

ish chronicler of miserable lives proves his point, but the

#### with explosives, nothing will ever be enough. But if the film is pitched on a minimalist level, even the sound of a cough becomes dramatic." Not every film by the Finn-

'Stunning sci-fi' Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest

releases . . . ☐ THE FIFTH ELEMENT Tim Thornton, 21: A stunning

sci-fi adventure. Ian Holm was excellent. Damian Samuels, 20: The amazing special effects cannot cruite conceal the lack of a

decent plot. Sarah Crook, 18: Gary Oldman was exotic. Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18: The set design and Jean Paul Gaultier's costumes help to

create an extraordinary vision of the future.

□ CRASH Tim: An erotic but neurotic film that doesn't deserve all the hype. Damian: A pile-up of tedious noncence.

Sarah: Pushes film art into the mainstream. Leslie: Forget Playboy, it's Exchange and Mart for me from now on.

☐ CON AIR Tim: Madness, mayhem and

wonderful Drifting Clouds does. This tale of a married couple fighting the recession features his trademark melancholy and absurdist humour. It is also unusually suffused with tenderness and stylised colours (sky blue predominating). There is even an optimis-

You want the best for these characters, buffeted by fate and economics. There is Kati Outinen, hostess at a restaurant repossessed by the bank; there is her husband (Kari Väänänen), who loses his job driving trams; there is their dog. All three face hardship with long, brave faces in dismal rooms given a fairytale glow by the bold, simple colours. A lovely film; see it.

en, Women: A User's Manual, Claude Lelouch's 35th illm. showcases the French director's own peculiarities: a lush and dizzy photographic style, an obsession with fate, chance, and cross-cut lives, and a rash assumption of intellectual depth. Lelouch's mastery of technique allows for much entertaliument, although as this self-styled comedie inhumaine proceeds, its blend of the flimsy and preposterous grows infurlating.

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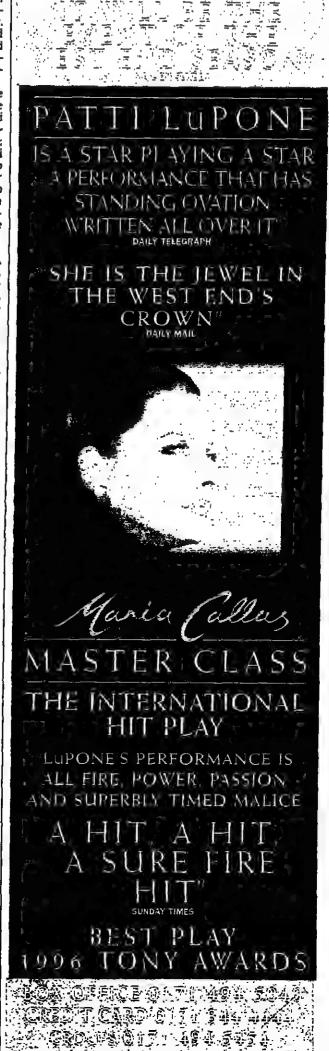
tangled plot, a businessman who makes headlines, played by a real-life equivalent. Bernard Tapie, and a failed actor turned undercover cop (Fab-rice Luchini). Around them Lelouch weaves narrative hiccups, in-jokes and endless musings on life and happi-ness. With Fellini gone, few film-makers indulge them-selves as much as Lelouch and few film-makers need

such indulgent audiences. The Channel 4 film Alive and Kicking also requires forgiveness, although much of Nancy Meckler's film, written by Martin Sherman, author of Bent, has a winning and breezy spirit. Living with Aids is the issue, and Sherman manages a well-rounded humorous treatment before his speeches grow strident. Jason Flemyng is the arrogant dancer faced with his own mortality, but it is Antony Sher who anchors the movie as the slightly dissolute therapist who shows his new lover



murder abound in this year's first big summer release. Damian: Hannibal Lecter meets Freddy Laker in this entertaining and explosive action flick. Sarah: John Malkovich is

supreme as the gang leader. Leslie: A paint-by-numbers action thriller.





■ CHOICE 1

London debut for the Mark Morris Dance Group with Handel's L'Allegro VENUE: Tonight at the Coliseum



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■ THE LAST OF THE HIGH

First Independent, 15, 1996 HUMANE coming-of-age story set in ireland in the summer of 1977, when Dublin rocked to the music of Thin Lizzy and Elvis Presley died. New director David Keating never falls into a rut as he explores the sufferings of school-leaver Frankie (American import Jared Leto), with his whimsical mum, absent father, fear of exam results and bouts of puppy love. Nothing here to raise the roof, but it is always pleasant to watch. A rental

**QUADROPHENIA** PolyGram. 18, 1979

ZESTY saga of teen alienation, based on the Who's concept album, set against the Mods' and Rockers' seaside battles of 1964. Not everything survives close inspection: the further Phil Daniels's sense of rejection advances, the hollower Franc Roddam's film grows. But the re-creation of domestic hell, youth's tribal behaviour and the Brighton riots are vividly captured through Brian Tufano's camera lens. The video release includes extra shots



compiled from photographs taken on the Oxford crew do not understand the the set.

TRUE BLUE Film Four, 15, 1996 REMEMBER the university boat race mutiny of 1987? Ferdinand Fairfax's film is not the one to bring it rushing back to life, for all the modest

excitement of the race itself. Gamesmanship is the issue here, and the world-class Americans force-fed into

amateur spirit. Belgian actor Johan Leysen plays the coach, Daniel Topolski. Watching this little film striving to be big and failing is a grey, damp experience. A rental release.

**L'AMORE MOLESTO** Arrow, 15, 1996

THE second feature of theatre director Mario Martone is an edgy and eloquent psychological puzzler set in his home town, Naples. It seems an alien place to the heroine, played by Anna Bonaiuto, who is trying to cope with her mother's bizarre death (washed up on shore, wearing only a red brassière). The cameraman plays inventively with colour as the past erupts into the present, and the fog behind the family's history clears. A rewarding film.

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from Zigeunerbaron. Wel-

itsch. Bulgarian, is close to her

singer who died young but is worth rediscovering, on the disc devoted to opera comoseo oi Italian texts. She is a formidable Anna in Don Giovanni, while Irmgard Seefried and Erich Kunz exude charm in the same opera. EMI should lose a star for sloppy presentation. Karajan is pictured before a gleaming

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# Voodoo that she does so well

hey call her the Queen of Brazilian music. And in-deed, interviewing Maria Bethania is a bit like securing an audience at Bucking-

In the lobby of the hotel in Salvador where I was staying, a mad Brazilian composer had to be reckoned with. "Why should my Bethania spare time for some pesky English journalist?" he screamed at my energetic liaison lady, reduced to tears by the onslaught. Then the time and day of the interview changed twice. And finally, we had to find her: although her main home is in Rio de Janeiro, Bethania has recently taken up part-time residence in a yellow loth-century villa overlooking the Atlantic in a fiendishly well-concealed corner of Salvador (capital of the eastern state of Bahia), reached via rubble-

For more than 30 years Bethania has dominated the female pop-singing stakes, not just in Brazil, but all over Latin America, In 1979, she was the first woman singer in South America to sell a million copies of an album. Now aged 51. her unmistakable, smoky voice seems only to have improved with time. She is part of the small Brazilian superstar elite.

When she sang a brief live set in London three years ago at the Albert Hall, one reviewer oddly observed that "she could have been a major star in the West if she didn't sing in Portuguese", which was a bit like saying Ravi Shankar could have been a major star outside India if he didn't play sitar. Bethania, who goes down well on the Continent, was delighted by her first British outing, and this clearly WORLD MUSIC:

James Woodall

tracks down the

Brazilian star, Maria Bethania

forms part of her decision to return to London with a new show. Ambar (Amber), on Sunday.

"I was very surprised by the enthusiasm of the reviews, and in the audience," she says, cradling a tumbler of Jack Daniels on ice. "It was as if all those English people knew and liked my work."

In truth most of the audience was Brazilian, as it probably will be at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane (an estimated 100,000 Brazilian expats in London will all want tickets).

it's hard to name a European or North American equivalent of Berhania: she looks like a cross between a vestal virgin. Elektra, and a more emphatically Indian version of Joan Baez. The only British stars she might vaguely resemble are Annie Lennox or Kate Bush, except that Bethania's career is three times their length.

She was born in the colonial town of Santo Amaro, one of eight children. An older brother is the poet-singer Caetano Veloso, whose influence on Bethania was immense. Over the years, he has composed dozens of songs for her.

"He and I are very close. With Caetano around there were always cinema, theatre, music in the household. He was the leader of a said I should do a show on my own in Salvador, and I suppose that was

"I was made for the stage," she purrs. Not yet 20 when she was called upon to replace a star in a show in Rio in 1965, she became an overnight sensation. In the same year, she consolidated this sudden superstandom with a rabble-rous-ing song called Carcara, "It was a song about my region,

the North East. There had been a military coup in Brazil in 1964: everything beautiful in Bahia seemed to have been invaded by it. Censorship became very fierce. In the song, an eagle swoops down on a calf with its claws, and takes it away to kill it. It was a subliminal message for the people, highly suggestive of what was happening

ethania was dubbed a pains, but if anything has characterised her career since the 1900s, it is a refusal to continue in any easily identifiable

"Every time I felt myself cornered by a contract or a deal I didn't like. I'd do something a bit mad—exactly the opposite of being trapped. I've changed record labels many times, and fought with all of them. I'm proud to say that I've fought with company bosses."
Only someone of Bethania's tow-

ering fame (at least in Latin America) could get away with such operatic conduct; and the more we spoke, the more like a diva she

"I can be romantic, aggressive, sweet, warm, I can protest - it



"I can be romantic, aggressive, sweet, warm, I can protest - it depends on the time and place," says the fiery diva, Maria Bethania

depends on the time and place." No wonder that Bethania always admired the greatest diva of them all, Maria Callas. "Even when she was being criticised I couldn't help being attracted to her, particularly because of her drama."

The other big theme in her life is religion. Bethania was educated in a convent until her teens, and has long had what she calls a "very special relationship" with the Vir-

gin Mary — "She's a woman who's human, who cries." she says. As an adult. Bethania encountered the Afro-religion of Bahia, with its mix of Catholicism and voodoo ritual, called candomble.

"It's an exuberant faith, full of music, and began with the slaves, who needed to express an abnormal joy in their state of deprivation by going over the top." Though she is careful to separate her art from

her faith. Bethania assiduously applies religious terminology to what she does on stage.

"The stage is sacred, like a church or candomble house. I've always liked the rituals of religion because worship is a form of theatre. Everything I do on stage is a form of dedication.

This is what London will see on Sunday: a proud, priestess-like figure singing Brazilian songs old and new, somehow transcending her own language. Bethania performs with heart - coracdo, a word to be heard many times in the show - and is a fearless communicator.

"I feel very Bahian, but I'm not a parochial person," she says. "I can sing anywhere: London, all ends of the earth."

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### Learning curve

A MASSIVE wooden cross, its apex raised at an angle of about 30 degrees to the ground, spans the panoramic stage at Holland Park, High up on it Cavaradossi has to paint his portrait of the Ma-donna and sing his Act I aria. Tosca in a hobble skirt (for this Tosca, like one or two other recent stagings, is set in fascist Italy) has to totter down it for the love duet.

Henk Schut's structure for his own production is hardly

OPERA ....

Tosca Holland Park

singer-friendly. It all led to a distinctly shaky first act, not helped by some flaccid and nervous conducting from Dominic Wheeler. But when Tosca came down to earth in the Farnese Palace and action was conducted at ground level, there was a mighty improvement. The Holland Park company has a star Scarpia in Jeffrey Carl, who took an iron grip on the performance. With his brown leather jacket and hair slicked back into a tiny pigtail, he is natural casting for Puccini's Bad Cop. His firm baritone has enough rasp to cut through the evening air under Holland Park's canvas.

Wheeler injected far more vigour into his young orchestra, and Tosca began to sound like a sensible popular choice for the opening of the summer season. But then Schut managed to spoil all by revealing a cage of political prisoners as Tosca plunges her knife into Scarpia's belly. Worse still, he releases them and has them tramp noisily across the back of the stage during the Act III dawn prelude. And during the opening bars of Act I the Marchese Attavanti was made to walk across the stage; Puccini kept her as a subject for Cavaradossi's paint brush, and he knew best.

Mark Hamilton, an experienced tenor, took a little time to find his way as the painter. The voice tends to plumminess and could do with more lyrical quality, but the "Vinorias" rang out firm and loud.

Sarah Rhodes in the title role is a soprano with plenty of weight and depth, and had considerable success in colouring and shaping Vissi d'arte. although as an actress as yet she lacks passion.

A second trio of principals opens tonight.

JOHN HIGGINS

## China's takeaway

R lank-faced Chinese stand on escalators going nowhere much. An elderly Chinese woman plods grimly about her house. Tired-looking Chinese sit on a train taking them home at the end of the day. Hong Kong may be just a matter of days from rejoining the Motherland, but the evidence of Stariley Kwan's back-projections is that for most Hong Kongers the daily grind con-

tinues as usual.

At least Kwan's Piece, as the last of the four playlets that launch this year's London International Festival of Theatre is called, has a clear point or two to make. Sadly, that is not true of the evening as a whole. Danny Yung, its begetter, asked directors from Beijing, Hong Kong and Tai-pei to create works that, in the words of the programme, "ad-dress the problem of Chinese identity" and "look specifically at the tense relationship between mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong". But much of the time they left this Westerner feeling he was blundering into a convoluted family argument that had begun 50, 100, 900 years ago. Edward Yang's Jiu Ge and

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Lao Qi confronts a smooth. Taiwanese travel agent with a hitman fleeing a killing he has perpetrated in Hong Kong. Since they call each other Brother Nine and Old Seven. it would appear that they belong to a secret society. Then the conversation turns to polities, and it begins to look as if they symbolise corrupt, phoney democracy. But, really, who knows? The piece would doubtless resonate in the East, but here it seems about as eloquent as, say, a debate about the relative merits of Lilley and Howard would be

in Manchuria. Reflection of the Moon on Er-Quan, by Edward Lam, is a bit more accessible. If one of the two denimed Hong Kongers chantering away speaks Chinese without benefit of surtitles, the other has wry things to say about the food, autos and gymnasia of his Texan hideaway. Still, I got

Chairs and Tables by the Beijing director Li Liu Yi, even Garden Festival has explored a number of different venues. though (or maybe because) not a word of either-Chinese or English is spoken.

All four pieces - and. presumably, the three others that will replace them later this week - have been composed for two performers, two chairs and one table. But Li makes better use of this set-up than his fellow-directors. Nobody who knows anything about the Mao years will fail to understand the desperation of the man and woman who are flung onstage in their baggy togs and proceed to clean every last speck from the furniture before reverently swathing it in red cloth.

The frantic, obsessive behaviour continues even when the man has donned a suit. They laugh, sob, manically clean each other and themselves, fly apart, fling the chairs around, and ... but l won't give away an ending that should provide a modicum of comfort to nervous Hong Kongers. Maybe reunification will be gentler than they fear.

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that anything less than cheers

Their new show, Heritage,

tells of how the balophone, a

precursor of the xylophone, was discovered. The story

runs to several daunting

pages in the programme, but

no matter: in fact, it serves

mainly to celebrate Guinea's

music and dance. And Guinea

has a vibrant and rich picture

contrapuntal groups.

would be miserly.

## Sacred and secular

but the New Connaught Rooms was a strange choice as a setting for the Venetian Coronation programme offered by the Gabrieli Consort and Players, Liturgical reconstructions are not easy to bring off in concert, and the chanting of prayers and other parts of Mass in the sumptuously decorated but decidedly secular Grand Hall made for a rather uncomfortable experience. The programming exploited the Venetian link with some of the "war-like and amorous" madrigals from Monteverdi's eighth book of

sacred and profane can prove illuminating, but here the shift from the warfare of love to the ceremonial of St Mark's was too extreme to be effective. Monteverdi's quasi-dramatic madrigals are demanding and require total assurance in ensemble and in the projection of the text. The Consort com-

the Coronation of Marino prises some excellent singers. but in this repertory it is simply not good enough to have eyes glued to the copies

CONCERT Gabrieli Consort New Connaught

Rooms, WC2 was generally shaky and not helped by poor intonation in the string bass. Native Italian groups have set new standards in madrigal-singing, and by comparison this seemed like a second readthrough, which reflects poorly on British musicians' capacity for interpretative insight. The Consort was on more familiar territory with the 1638 in the first half of the concert. The juxtaposition of ceremonial music of the Gabrielis in a reconstruction of

Grimani as Doge. There was some fine solo playing (Jeremy West, cornet: Oliver Webber, violin) in the canzonas, and some well sustained declamatory singing from tenor Steven Harrold and bass Francis Steele in the Mass by Giovanni Gabrieli. His Omnes Gentes provided a rousing tutti finale with enough sackbuts to satisfy any doge. and an indecent level of fudging of the Italian. Ensemble

TESS KNIGHTON

scrabble the air like someone

## Collapse of stout fellows

Tilkenny's Cat Laughs comedy festival never seemed devised to attract teetotallers. This annual invasion of comedians for a long weekend of comedy performed in every available pub, pub, pub and theatre now also sees the arrival of large groups of young Irishmen with phenomenal thirsts and little deference towards

Two chairs and a table: Huang Yaoguang and Wen

Zhunwen explore issues of Chinese identity

hard-working performers. This may not have come as a disappointment to the makers of stout who sponsor the event, but it did trouble more than one performer. Alan Davies did not react at all well when an afternoon reveller plonked his feet and pint pot on the comic's stage. Davies's tetchy, combative approach to such challenges never seemed like the right policy, and those comies more amenable to going with the beery flow received their rewards.

The Canadian Harland Williams probably has a routine, but he doesn't like to talk about it that much. Instead, he performed a set geared toward those who, for one reason or another, had a taste for raving free association and vocal cross-breeding between pop stars and a menagerie of sci-fi monsters. One could easily be forgiven for missing the family relationship between Michael Bolton and Chewbacca the Wookie, or Elvis and a Tyrannosaurus rex, but when Harland presses the microphone

to his lips and growls, screeches and croons, all becomes clear. Gigs by the British cornedians Bob Mills and Mark Steel demonstrated COMEDY: Luke

Clancy at the

Kilkenny Festival

that there is fertile ground for laughs on both sides of the political correctness divide. Mills has no shame when it comes to attacking the North of England ... after all, that's what it's there for"), while Steel's set went as far as promoting a meeting the next day in support of

group of striking Belfast workers. Despite their divergent political stances, both comics decided to pick on Manchester's aspirations to host the Olympic Games. In this particular contest, Mills's version of the opening ceremony, with a superannuated Terry Christian as compere, and a finale that involved the releasing of several homing

pigeons, easily took the gold medal. As well as stand-up, the festival also saw the screening of a new feature film by part-time stand-up and director. Mark Staunton. Separation Anxiety is built around a simple, strong concept. Take the current crop of Irish stand-ups and weave bits of their stage personae

into a story of contemporary Dublin. Given the critical mass of comedians, the film should have been far funnier. but it at least provided a fresh cinematic version of the Irish capital, a location with apparently more than its fair share of lecherous voiceover artists and existentially tormented models.

Two very different types of Irish comedian topped and tailed the Saturday and Sunday of the festival. Owen O'Neill moved out of "straight" standup and into that territory where telling jokes blends into telling fireside stories. His performance, Shouting from the

Scaffold, wove a narrative from his time as a hod carrier on London building sites. O'Neill's often melancholic journey took him through various pubs, accompanied by a man called Pat the Dog, crashing through the roof of Hammersmith police station, and on to a sleepless night in an isolated Scottish hotel with a psychotic raw sausage eater for a roommate. There were fewer laughs than stifled tears in the routine. but it was nonetheless an impressive

piece of storytelling.
Pat the Dog and the other boozing brickies from O'Neill's past might have en Graham Norton a tough time had the camp comedian ever shouldered a hod on their site. Early in the morning in a small har theatre in Kilkenny, however, it was Norton who was dishing out the verbal abuse.

In between lessons in the more esoteric sexual practices of gay men and a fortune-telling session with an obese tinsel-covered Barbie doll called Princess Wishing Star, the comic took time out to explore the marital lives of the front row. Far from reacting badly, the audience warmed to Norton rapidly, and would have been eating out of his hand, if only they could have stopped laughing for long enough.

#### HALFWAY through their British tour - their first in Let there seven years - Les Ballets Africains arrived in London be drums and found an exuberantly delighted audience. But these 34 Guinean performers dis-play such vitality and skill under Italo Zambo's direction

DANCE

Les Ballets Africains Hackney Empire

everybody sings. The dancers trace frenetic scribbles, each millimetre of the body in motion; dislocated, bobbing. shimmying. They shuffle their feet in repeated phrases.

fighting off an invisible swarm of wasps. jump as if trying to scramble up into the sky. It looks so intricately reckless that you think they are making it up, but then you see the wonderfully strict unison of their formations and you realise that every tiny blip and squiggle has been choreographed.

Heritage has a political subtext in its message of Guinean unification: but what counts for us here is the limitless vitality and joyousness that spreads across the

NADINE MEISNER



Ian McIntyre enjoys the posthumous memoirs of a scholar who saw the world with as much compassion as intelligence

craft." Such was the admiring verdict of a fellow historian when Richard Cobb's Paris and its Provinces first appeared. This posthumous volume of memoirs is not the best of the 15 books he wrote in English over the past 30 years, but there are many good things in it. Personal reminiscence informed much of Cobb's writing, although he wrote no single or consecutive account of his life. This last reworking of autobiographical fragments rounds out most engagingly our picture of this outstanding historian of the common people of

Revolutionary France.
In a series of talks which he gave on Radio 3 in the late 1970s, Cobb argued that there was one thing which neither this historian of les petites gens nor the novelist of urban or regional populism could do without - "a sense of place that is concrete, almost physical, even if it is addressing itself to a town or a quarter or a landscape of nearly two centuries back.

# A ride on history's branch line

THE END OF THE LINE A Memoir By Richard Cobb John Murray, £20 ISBN 0719554608

He was extremely well-read in the work of such novelists. as it happens — Blaise Cendrars on Marseilles, Maxence van der Meersch on Roubaix, Raymond Queneau who wrote about the northern suburbs of Paris and about Le Havre. He particularly admired Queneau's Loin de Rueil and in a letter to the TLS once praised Queneau's verbal inventiveness and enumerated his qualities as a novelist: his joyful humour, his innocence, his compassion and his enjoyment of 'unelevated" company. It is not a Cobb's own qualiof which find expression in The End of the Line. The journey gets off to a slowish

start. I found the account of his schooldays at Shrewsbury slight-ly laboured, but once he escapes to time both he and his prose are liberated. On Easter

Day he attends Pontifical High Mass in the cathedral at Rouen. A devout young woman sitting close to him suddenly goes down on her knees, in the middle of the aisle, and kisses the Archbishop's large reddish ring: "She kissed it glut-



Portrait of a vanished age: winter in Vienna, 1932

tonously, almost as if she were going to eat the whole hand off as well." He is at his funniest describing a visit to prewar Vienna. "Every time the train stopped, more and more members of the White Horse Inn cast got off, to be

who began eating nasty-looking sausages with clasp-knives. The whole scene was hideously, irredeemably rural." Later he is arrested for distributing political literature (Quaker leaflets, in fact), beaten up by the police and imprisoned as a Czech student. The British consul was

a jolly, hearty man

with a rugged face: "You seem to have got yourself into quite a mess. old man." he said. In one of those American style pre-publication puffs which even respectable English publishers are now using, Sir Isaiah Berlin obligingly describes Cobb's style idiosyncratic - sentences that go on for half a page are a hazardous undertaking in any language. He writes at one point about Maupassant's "marvellously cut-down prose", but is not disposed to emulate it.

Cobb is also, in the nicest possible way, a tremendous showoff about how good his French is. His text is sometimes so heavily splattered with French words that becomes a distraction ("André Dubuc was a retired schoolmaster. an erudit local, wearing the mauve ribbon of les palmes, who contributed numerous glanes, with commentary, to Annales de Normandie".)

Frank about his own shortcomings ("I had always had enough self-knowledge to have known perfectly well that I was not, never could be, of potential officer mate-

rial ). Cobb was remarkably tolerant of the defects of others. In the Army, he encounters a lieutenant with a bogus Oxford degree (the poor man happened to have hit on Cobb's own college at the time be himself was up): "I kept my information to myself: he had seemed a nice enough chap." What fascinated him about such cases of academic fraud was the modesty of their spurious claims: "Why a Third in English at Southampton, or a Second in Portuguese at London, when you might have offered yourself Firsts in Mods and Greats at Corpus?"

"I feel that the Old Enemy - the one with whom François Mitterrand has seemed to come to terms by a sort of private treaty - may indeed be spending a bit of time on my own case." Cobb's endpaper about the illnesses of his last few years is brief and unsentimental. He finished it, on a characteristically wry and gentle note, only two days before he died: "Not quite une voix d'outre-tombe - nor a Proust. But the best I can do for now."

# In pursuit of the soul

Peter Ackroyd on how the

19th century changed our view of the world

here was a time when, in the salon, or concert room, the musicians could scarcely be heard above the cacophony of noise and gossip issuing from a relatively uninterested audience. Then, at some undetermined point in the 19th century, a "worshipful silence" began to prevail. In a quiet broken only by tears, music became a religious experience based largely upon self-com-muning. That transition is the theme of Peter Gay's latest volume of 19th century studies: it is the fourth of a series devoted to what he terms "the bourgeois experience", and on this occasion undertakes a great voyage into the interior" where the secrets of the human heart may

Meanwhile, in The Victorian World Picture. David Newsome examines that new sense of life in the context of

broad cultural change: the Vic-THE NAKED torians believed that they were HEART part of an age of By Peter Gay transformation. Harner Collins, £30 and he depicts ISBN 0 00 255708 8 THE VICTORIAN the intense selfconsciousness of WORLD the individual **PICTURE** as part of the By David Newsome self-conscious-John Murray, £25 ISBN 07195-5630-9 ness of the period itself. It was a time of "excessive accelera-

tion" in every conceivable direction with the most salient characteristic, according to one contemporary. "SPEED". It is an insight which Newsome himself takes forward in his disquisition on class relations as well as transport, on religion as well as political economy.

But Gay's study allows us to slow down. He has pursued the El Dorado of the human heart in earlier volumes devoted to the experience of love and of conflict in the Victorian era: now he concerns himself with the elements of introversion in a period generally known for its public dogmas and no less public works. He has in a sense become the Proust of academic history, touching upon the strange stirrings of the human consciousness which lie beneath the volumes of recorded time. David Newsome takes a broader view, and his narrative is necessarily more circumspect on the tender issues of sensibility and conduct: but his transitions are very delicate and

graceful. It provides, in the language of the period, an interesting "diorama".

The Naked Heart may be more intimate and, in his intensive exploration of 19th century literature and art. Gay also discloses the myth by which the later 20th century still operates. We no longer invoke the pieties of "imagination" or "intensity", for example, but there is in certain quarters a residual belief in the pursuit of "originality" and 'self-expression". Gay plots the trajectory of these relativeinsignificant terms, and finds their origin in the boiling waters of German idealism; we in turn may be able to trace their setting in some of the muddier recesses of contemporary fiction.

There are other continuities and The Victorian World Picture might also be considered a study of our own time. Here we find the evidence of a

backward educational system as well as "the intractable problem of Ireiand", of scan dals within the Queen's family and the collanse Barings Bank. Yet something has been lost. The piety and earnestness

of the 19th century have gone: we no longer see the world steadily, and as a whole.

A case can in fact be drawn

from Gay's own thorough investigations. He is understandably sharp about the professed Christianity of the principal Romantic writers, believing it to spring from the sublime egotism of the truly great who can even remake God in their own image. Yet in large measure writers like Schiller and Chateaubriand were, in Gay's plangent words, "fighting for the re-enchantment of the world" after the scepticism and vapid deism of the Enlightenment, It is of course an old battle; the great division between writers has nothing to do with race or gender, but lies in the extent to which they adopt a secular or spiritual understanding of the world. Wordsworth's own poerry might be considered the ultimate exercise of romantic self-expression, but it might triumph of European Protestantism. That age of strenuous faith has also gone.

The Naked Heart then, is concerned with the quest for self-definition. There is an excellent chapter here, for example, on the renaissance of autobiography in the 19th century. A hourgeois audience clamoured for the lives of heroes while at the same time novelists began to make elaborate use of first-person narratives from "Call me Ishmael" to "For a long time I used to go to bed early". It is not often that Melville and Proust can be seen as part of the same

company.

That is indeed the strength of both books. The panoramic tendency has disadvantages. but its greatest virtue lies in Gay's ability to connect various aspects of literature which

are generally considered to be incompatible. In this context history and poetry, fiction and biography, can be seen as part of the same process. Those who claim pre-eminence for one form, or disparage another, are guilty of a grave cultural mistake, it is even possible, if present developments are to be trusted, that all generic boundaries will disap-

The not necessarily compelling force of scientific progress can also be granted a small role here. Gay credits the institution of the penny post, for example, with the rise of the letter as the "token of true affection". In 1834, 76 million letters were delivered but, only 11 years later, that

figure had risen to 347 million. For once we may see clearly the influence of technology upon feeling.

This insight is representative of a book which, in large part, is concerned with the symbiotic relationship between individual sensibility and cultural orthodoxy. The Naked Heart reveals very clearly that the history of any culture is also the history of various hewildered, incomplete and "naked" selves: in turn Newsome's Victorian World Picture shows that the general culture is itself mani-fold and contradictory, precisely because it represents a multitude of conflicting impulses. Both books, then, depict the process of life itself.

rather abstract, unmoving for all his suffering. Crace best maintains Gally's mythological status when seen through the merchant's eyes, like The

something out of their sojourn. but not in ways foreseen. Even Musa, who despite losing his merchandise escapes the wil-derness by hitching a ride with passing travellers, trading on stories of survival. Survival by stories. Crace, too, is a story-teller of unique gifts. His evocation of the domestic details of an ancient world and the minutiae of a timeless desert landscape are thrilling: Herod's Holy Land has never seemed so contemporary. The connections made, phrase to phrase, are sprung on hairtriggered verbs and every other sentence is a work of art. After the efficient but somewhat somnambulant Sienals of Distress. Crace has returned to form, producing one of the finest novels I've read in years. A place on the 1997 Booker shortlist is the least it

## the land of language AS A child Andrel Makine used to joke that French was

Journey in

his "grandmother tongue". For although he was raised deep in Siberia as a Russian speaker, he always had a special affinity for his French grandmother's native lan-guage. And Makine managed to combine his love of his grandmother with his subtle grasp of French in Le Testament Français, a semi-autobiographical novel which dazzled the French literary establishment in 1995 by winning, for its new-emigre author. France's two most prestigious literary prizes — the Prix Goncourt and the Prix

French critics have been generous in their praise of Makine's flawless, high French style. They have re-marked on the authority with which he writes in his adopted language, comparing him to everyone from Chekhov and Nabokov to Marcel Proust. The latter may be the more agreeable comparison to the author who once quipped that the reason he left Russia in 1987 and began writing in French was that he wanted to literature who seemed to tower over his empty page. His attraction to France, however,

was always literary: "For the France that had appeared one day in the middle of the Steppes of Saranza owed its genesis to books. It was, indeed, essentially a bookish country, a country composed of words. whose rivers flowed like lines of verse, whose women went in alexandrines, and whose men quarrelled in broad-

Makine's acute poetic sensibility in Le Testament Francais has been faithfully Fairweather

LE TESTAMENT **FRANCAIS** By Andrei Makine Translated by Geoffrey Stracture Sceptre, £16.99 ISBN 0-344-68205

translated into unabashedly lyrical English prose by Geoffrey Strachan, even if the title has been left marooned in French. Layering image upon image, and following fragments of memory down little blind alleys before returning to what is essentially a rites-ofpassage novel, Makine tells us the story of his quest for an

A LOVE of France was grafted onto Makine's heart during early childhood. He spent his summers on Charlotte Lemonnier's balcony, listening to her tales of Belle Epoque Paris, with gluttonous menus and vivid aesthetic texture, while looking out over the boundless entrapped his grandmother. During adolescence Russia awakens in the author, "like a bear after a long winter", and he cheapens his French identity by using it as a rare currency with which to pull girls or entertain his loutish new friends.

But with adulthood the author begins to understand the mystery of the French language: not blunted by mundane, everyday use French enables him to begin to articulate the incommunicable, unsayable essence of his life. He has become a writer, and a

le storm

## She depends on herself for survival

achel Benjamin doesn't want to be married Her parents choose a young man anyway, shave off all her hair and deliver their teenage daughter to his amateur gropings. Pearl Abraham describes each step with chilling sympathy and obvious knowledge. Set among New York's Hasidic Jews. The Romance Reader is a moving coming-of-age story which also provides rare insight into a tight-knit and very alien merican community.

Rachel is the oldest of seven children — an example for younger siblings and, as the daughter of a rabbi, an example to outsiders, too. For Rabbi Benjamin is the shepherd of a depleted Hasidic neighbourhood, out on the street corner each week, corralling the ninth and tenth man into synagogue for minyan. His wife, meanwhile, eyes him wearily from behind drawn curtains. A lifetime of cleaning and pregnancy has left her bitter - and willing to resort to petty deceit (the rhythm method) to regain some con-

As the novel opens, it is ly into a taxi in the middle of the night on the Sabbath to of their seventh child. The noise, so everyday, sounds sinful to me on Shabbar. This Frances Stead Sellers

THE ROMANCE READER By Pearl Abraham Quartet Books, In ISBN 07043-80310



Abraham: affecting

Rachel deliberately fails to live up to the standards of religious law that the Hasidic couple expect. To an outsider. her sins seem innocent enough: she wears a bathing suit that shows her legs when she swims, lingers over the non-kusher food on the supermarket shelves, and slips off her thick, seamed hose in favour of sheer stockings when she leaves the house.

But when Rachel sets aside Hebrew texts for tawdry Eng-

Barbara Cartland, Charlone Bronte and Victoria Holt her father views her reading as a dangerous act of betrayal: "The Jews survived in Egypt because of three things," he warns. They didn't change their names, they didn't change their clothes, and they didn't change their language. Could we depend on you for our survival?" Rabbi Benja-min reminds his daughter of the propliet's warning to the people of Judea - and of the sin of assimilation: "A Jew is never liked by other nations. A Jew reads only Jewish books and must remain separate."

lor her literary escapism. Rachel is found guilty. and her guilt haunts her. The courtship her parents arrange and supervise never matches up to the empty romances that fire her teenage imagination. So it is hardly surprising that, as Rachel approaches marriage, she transfers her anger to her awkward young husband, prompting some of the novel's most poignant scenes.

Written in the first person. The Romance Reader may not be autobiographical in the most literal sense, but it is surely based on Pearl Abraham's own knowledge of Hasidism. And it is that privileged viewpoint which makes this memorable first novel so very affecting.

Frances Stead Sellers is un editor of the "Outlook" section of The Washington

n ordinary man of average weight and fitness embarking on a total fast could not expect to live for more than 30 days." This epigraph to Jim Crace's fourth novel quotes a 1993 medical study on mortality. which challenges the traditional account of Christ's forty days in the wilderness as a hypothesis. Or a miracle In-Quarantine Crace has reconceived the temptation of Christ based on the scientific evi-dence and his own good

If you're going to write about a historical or religious figure, pick the best. But Crace being Crace places Jesus as a secondary character alongside four other religious pilgrims

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## Miraculous prose

seeking reversals of fortune a childless woman, a terminally ill old man, an empiricist, a mute tribesman - the wilderness ordaining them all. As in his earlier novels, Continent and The Gift of Stones, the landscape is mapped with a luminous faculty. His charac-ters survive a bleak topogra-phy upon which their motions are transferred. You don't get a lot of interior monologues, you read the stones instead - their moods

fractious and despairing". The desert makes a mark on man, but man can't make a mark on the desert. The result is reminiscent of William Golding's Pincher Martin and in some ways rather surpasses it. Also in the desert is a merchant. Musa, abandoned by his "caravan of uncles" to die in a tent, of fever, with only his pregnant wife to care for him. Before beginning the fast. Jesus, here named "Gally", steals into the merchant's tent Russell Celyn Jones

QUARANTINE By Jim Crace Viking, £16.99 ISBN 0-670-88697-5

and helps himself to water. He casually touches Musa, as a way of giving thanks, and unwittingly heals the dying man. But Musa - a bestial tyrant, a rapist. Satan, no less is a man the world would have been better without. Thus Jesus creates his own bad luck through a random levitation.

Musa, convinced he's the beneficiary of a miracle, wants to lure Gally out of his cave. With his supernatural gift and Musa's trading aplomb together they could clean up in the market. "To buy and sell is just as spiritual as prayer or going without food," he

opines. And it is Musa's scheming that generates the narrative. Claiming ownership of the desert he rents caves to the four pilgrims. Unlike Gally, they break fast every evening and Musa sells them food and water. But he fails - three times, naturally - to tempt Gally, who pays for his resolve with his life; an with early Christian belief that Christ was an apparition.

Gally is not yet the Son of Man, just a boy full of idealism. He was transformed by God like other boys his age were changed by girls". His Mission is only dimly intuited and his life is as much a charade as the next compulsive obsessive. His quest in the wilderness for spiritual truth is a pursuit of adult identity. As a writer Crace is lean and aesthetic. He is also omniscent and dispassionate. Consequently Gally's soliloquies come across as Great Gatsby from Nick Carraway's point of view. All seven characters will get

> trol of her life. Rachel's parents who break Hasidic law, climbing stealthidrive to hospital for the birth car's engine disturbs the night. and, Rachel realises, "the tension, between the familiarity of ritual and the risky pleasures of disobedience. shapes her story.

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devours a new look at ancient love

the sexual positions portrayed on Classical Greek vase paintings are rarely those recommended by the Christian missionary. Occasionally a man and a woman can be pictured on a wine cup with a mutually tender gaze and their bodies hidden under a sheet. More often the banquets of ancient Athens were served from plates and pots bearing a Karna Sutra of exoric copulation - a fact which in the 20th century has brought both embarrassment for scholars and opportunities for some of their

wilder theoretical adventures. One approach has been to pretend that the sexual acts painted on the kitchenware were not actually happening. Pictures of grappling male homosexuals could be captioned as preparation for the wrestling match. Priapic old men tempting boys with delicacies of hare or fowl were seen as haggiers at the butcher's shop. Brothel scenes, in which the girls did a bit of spinning to pass the time between clients, were part of the artistic heritage of the woollen industry.

A more modern scholastic device has been to apply a protractor to each sexual position and to ascertain thereby the degree of political and social domination implied. The prime assumption in such studies is that the dominant partner must be exploiting his victim. To be taken from behind is, according to this theory, an especially passive and submissive experience. representing the structure of class discrimination and abuse in Greece's allegedly

Golden Age. For the past seven years James Davidson has pored over plates, wine jars and poetry and come up with an altogether more relaxed interpretation of sensual life in the time of Pericles, Socrates and Plato. Courtesans and Fishcakes is about sex, food and drink and the part that all three played in developing ers have found exploitation and outrage, Davidson is

more likely to have found fun. Why, for example, does so much sexual activity seem to take place with both partners' feet on the floor? Not, he says, because of any desire to humiliate but because illicit liaisons so often happened out-ofdoors, their secrecy always vulnerable to exposure by cuckolded husbands or curious passers-by. Athenian lovers, particularly the sort



Sensual life in the time of Pericles: amorous encounter between a man and a woman depicted on an Attic redfigure and white ground vase (circa 530-430 BC); from K. J. Dover's Greek Homosexuality (Duckworth, £12.95)

**COURTESANS AND** FISHCAKES The Consuming Passions of Classical Athens By James Davidson HarperCollins, £25 ISBN 0 00 255591 3

whose stories appealed to the dinner party carousers, had to be quick on their feet.

The Greek word katapugon, which is often translated to mean a pathetic object of respectable authority from the dictionary, as meaning more broadly a lewd and lascivious person, someone who does not see sex as an assault but who instead actively enjoys it. This meaning makes good sense of an otherwise awkward passage in Aristophanes's Lysistrata in which the heroine attacks her fellow women who would rather go through fire than join her anti-war sexstrike. "How wholly katapugon is our species," she says in an outburst which Sir Kenneth Dover, one of the most distinguished sex-aspolitics theorists, rendered lamely as "what a miserable bloody lot we women are". To translator Alan Sommerstein, writing from the Davidson camp, Lysistrata's cry fits in far better with the plot as "what an absolute race of nympho-

maniacs we are".

Another scholastic squabble concerns an early Classical vase in which a Greek man, his penis in his hand, rushes towards the backside of a saying "I am Eurymedon, I bend over". This has been often interpreted as a patriotic commentary on the great Greek victory over the Persians by the river Eurymedon in about 460 BC. Dover, using his passive-homosexualequals-political-loser model, translates this as "we've buggered the Persians". Davidson convincingly argues

that the Greek in the picture

does not look like a soldier.

that the buffoon need not be a

Persian and that the act of reason would more likely be a "buggery" in the scene is more a matter of hope, on both sides, than achievement. He sees the cup as a simple dirmer party joke and Eurymedon as some long-forgotten orgiast.

. Throughout this most enjoyable book about enjoyment. the academic jousting goes on. Davidson does not claim to clarify every obscure point. Even he must admit defeat in deciphering the sexual position described in Greek as "the lion on the cheese-grater". But he spars with Foucault and Freud, biographers and

f anything, Davidson en-joys his fishcakes even more than he enjoys his courtesans. Modern visitors to Greece see fish as the staple of local diet. But in Classical times - with seafaring dangerous and preservation methods poor — good fish was a rare and maddeningly desirable delicacy. If an Athenian man were to squander his patrimony or let his wife and children go hungry, the

beautiful eel than a slender girl or boy. Famous prostitutes' names included "red mullet". "cuttle fish" and "the anchovy sisters". A sour commentary on their personal hygiene? More probably a sign of value, like a gangster calling his molls Diamond and Pearl.

In an age when public life was the predominant life of Greece and when meat-eating was part of organised public religion, fish was part of the slowly growing private sector. Davidson's fishcakes — and courtesans too — represented the growth of personal and private space in city life, space in which anyone who could afford the best for themselves got it. The moral issue was not so much what they should do but how much. "Nothing in excess" remained the mantra for Greek behaviour throughout the period described in this book: but it was an axiom much honoured in the breach and always tested when the plates were set out for a party.

### Orlando Figes on Eric Hobsbawm's lost hopes

## Revolution in the head

probably the bestric Hobsbawm is known living historian in the world. Millions of people have read his many books - especially the quartet of global histories ending with his overview of the 20th century in Age of Extremes in more than a dozen different languages. He is also a communist, an unrepentant advocate of the Soviet system leven after the lessons of 1956). This may seem ironic: how many book clubs realise they're peddling Marxist literature? But in fact the key to his achievement and appeal is in his Marxist approach to

In this collection of 21 essays and lectures, published to mark Hobsbawm's eightieth birthday, he sets out his credo as an historian. Some of his opinions are rather hard to swallow, and I suspect that when he told a group of Hungarian students in 1993 that "for the common citizens of the more backward countries" of Eastern Europe the Stalinist epoch "was probably the best period in their history", he lost many friends. Non-specialists will not be entertained by the nine central essays that focus on Marxist theory, economic history and historiography. But they will be impressed by the tremendous range of his erudition and the brilliant incisiveness of his analysis. Marx himself would have been impressed.

obsbawm's life runs like a rea until through the history of the Marxist movement in this century (it was his personal recollections that made his Age of Extremes so good). Born symbolically in 1917, he spent his childhood in Vienna and Berlin during the years of Hitler's rise to power, and studied at Cambridge in the 1930s, when it was a hotbed of communism. The war years found him serving in the Pioneer Corps: it was the time of the grand alliance

with the Soviet Union, when

sympathy for Soviet Russia

became almost part of the es-

tablishment In his later years as an istorian. Hobsbawm's Marxism provided him with a method of analysis rather than a series of political conclusions, although as an old man he retains the passionate commitments of his youth (in one of his essays he even argues that historians should be partisan). Marxism gave him a formula to analyse the evidence and synthesise the work of other specialists. Apart from his Labouring Men (1964), which pioneered the study of social protest and labour history. his work has not been based

on original research. He is in this sense a generalist, drawing broad conclusions from the primary research of younger scholars who might never otherwise have seen the general point). and always striving for what the French call "total history". He has written on almost everything: revolutions, nationalism, empire and culture: peasants, bandits, mafias and obscure lab-

For a Marxist this is rather heterodox. There was little place for such marginal groups in the Marxist ortho-

**ON HISTORY** By Eric Hobsbawm Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20 ISBN 0 247 81915 1

doxy, grimly dedicated to the proletariat. And, arguably like Marx himself. Hobsbawm is no economic determinist. There was no translation of Hobsbawm's work in Soviet Russia.

Yet, like all Marxists, he sees history as a social science and believes with passion in studying the past to discover general laws of societal development that, if app lied correctly, may reshape the world. As an empiricist, he holds firmly a commonsense belief in historical facts (the Nazi gas ovens did exist) and is at his most convincing when rejecting those postmodernists who would deny this belief as a premise for research, nationalists who misuse history and ignore the

facts, or historians who in-

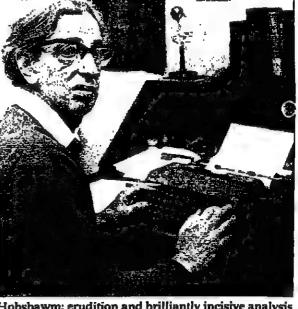
dulge in games of "counterfactual" history:

At the heart of Hobsbawm's Marxism is a belief in historical progress, defined here by him (and paraphrasing Marx) as man's growing capacity to control nature. This materialist conception of history, which has its roots in the Enlighten-ment, unites him with nonand anti-Marxists such as the late (and much lamented) Ernest Gellner. But one result of it, in Hobsbawm's case, is to ignore the awk-ward bits of history,

Nowhere is this clearer than in his essays on the Russian Revolution, upon which his entire world-view has been based. It is simply wrong to argue, as he does, that there was no alternative government to the Bolsheviks in October 1917; or to claim that the terror they unleashed in their early years of power was necessitated by the civil

At the end of perhaps the finest (and certainly the most personal) essay in this book Hobsbawm confesses: "Much of my life, probably most of my conscious life, was devoted to a hope which has been plainly disappointed, and to a cause which has plainly failed: the communism initiated by the October Revolution. But there is nothing which can sharpen the historian's mind like defeat." Brave and moving words.

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two important early books. Hobsbawm: erudition and brilliantly incisive analysis

## The stormy reality of a Lakeland idyll

Richard Holmes's biogra-. phy of Coleridge there is only one mention of his daughter. Sara: "I had never thought of a Girl as a possible event." he told Southey: "however I bore the sex with great Fortitude." In fact which sex she was made little difference. Coleridge hardly knew her as a child. Sara graphically describes the uneasy feelings shared by many children of separated and quarrelling parents, that "sense that you have done very wrong, or at least given great offence, you know not how or why - that you are dunned for some payment of love or feeling which you know not how to produce ... chills the heart,

bitterness." "Bearing the sex" was, of course, much more of a problem for "the sisters, wives and daughters of the Lake Poets" than it was for the poets themselves: Wordsworth, Coleridge and Southey. Sara Coleridge suffered, as they all did, from a climate which

and fills it with perplexity and

**Ann Thwaite** 

A PASSIONATE SISTERHOOD The Sisters, Wives and Daughters of the Lake Poets By Kathleen Jones Constable, £20 ISBN 009 47630 1

made it almost impossible for a woman to achieve a fulfilling life. "Literature cannot be the business of a woman's life." Southey wrote to Charlotte

The blurb inevitably sug-gests that these women's letters and journals contribute to a fuller understanding of the poets. That is still usually seen as the justification for writing about women, when, in fact, the lives themselves are sufficient justification. There have in the past been interesting biographies of several of these women, of Dorothy Wordsworth and earlier of both Sara Coleridges, the wife and the daughter, but Kathleen Jones

plex challenge of a group biography to show the reader the intercrossing lives of the women. That some of them were sisters is true, but they were in no sense a united "sisterhood". Their shared lives often produced jealousy and friction. They were, on the whole, more interested in their men than in each other.

All three of the poets were in triangular relationships: Wordsworth with his wife and his sister, Coleridge with his wife and with Wordsworth's sister-in-law, Sara Hutchinson, Southey with his wife and his wife's sister, who was Coleridge's estranged wife. As the daughters grow up there are just too many women surrounding these men, doing everything for them (almost his very Eating and Drink-ing", as Coleridge wrote of Wordsworth). It is sometimes difficult to retain a clear picture of their separate painful lives. Several of them, including Mary Wordsworth. remain obstinately shadowy. Money is always a problem,



Cousins: Sara Coleridge (left) and Edith May Southey

and so is health. Children die (all the poets lost young children, Southey four); daughters' marriages are opposed; there are breakdowns and declines into insanity. There are endless frustrations resulting from dependence. Dora. Wordsworth, though appar-

ently far more clever than her

brothers, was given little enwith her life. She called Rydal Mount "Idle Mount" and idleness was not a pleasure.

The story of the Coleridge marriage always makes sad reading. It is curious to find Jones suggesting that an image still prevails of Sara as a

"domestic cypher", after Molly Lefebure's biography over 10 years ago. She was in her way as remarkable as her daughter. "I blame no one," she once said, remaining obstinately loyal to the great genius to whom ordinary rules did not seem to apply. It was Southey who said that Coleridge's habits were "so murderous of all domestic comfort that she should have rejoiced at being rid of him.

It is a considerable achievement to tell the connecting stories of so many women in fewer than 300 pages; a huge amount of research and thought obviously lies behind the book. It inevitably suffers, as all group biographies do. from a change of foreground subject just as the reader's interest is thoroughly engaged. The Coleridge wedding at the end of one chapter, for instance, gives way to the birth of Dorothy Wordsworth at the beginning of the next. They were interesting women and deserve to be written about. The calm jacket painting of a woman reading by candlelight gives little indication of the turbulent emotions within the pages of this book.

Ann Thwaite's biography of Emily Tennyson: the Poet's Wife, will be published in paperback by Faber in September.

## Substantial sibling rivalry

A graph a person who has trouble remembering which of the three Karamazov brothers is which, I must confess that my heart sank at the prospect of a novel featuring no fewer than a hundred brothers. Antrim's strange tale is a reductio ad absurdum of the notion of brotherhood, brotherly love,

fraternal feeling. This story is set entirely in the library of a decaying country house during the course of a single night. The hundred brothers, who range their nineties, gather for a talking about what unites

Sean French

THE HUNDRED BROTHERS By Donald Antrim Secker & Warburg, £9.99 ISBN 0 436 20407 X

reunion dinner and do the sorts of things that brothers do: joshing, fighting, exchanging yarns, playing games, 

them. The activities can be friendly but underneath it all is that brutal rivalry between brothers that occurs so often in mythology. As the narrator puts it, in a fair summary of the book's action: "Emotions heat up and tempers break out in real disputes that have their roots in a hundred contingent histories of the standard childhood competitions, degrada-

tions, reparations, punish-

ments, tortures — all the gory

that seem, in respect, so incluctably linked with childish fantasies about manhood".

The narrator of this all-toosymbolic tale is himself a symbol, a genealogist, a man obsessed with family trees, with what binds us to our ancestors: "The student of human births and deaths will experience, perhaps as a distant and unaccountable memory, the traces of very old affections, all the joys and itself through sacrifice.

them and what separates excitements of pain and power disappointments that have forever bound people together in families." By creating this impossibly

vast collection of brothers, Antrim is making a complex connection between the family and larger units such as the tribe or the society, and examining the dark forces that bind individuals. In the horrifically violent climax of the novel, we discover that this family is actually a tribe which renews

Donald Antrim is a writer of considerable gifts, but I was never convinced that this cumhersome allegory was rich or various enough to sustain an entire novel (Shirley Jackson told much the same story much more effectively in her classic short story The Loitery). Families don't need to be made strange by giving them a hundred brothers and no visible parents. They are strange already. If you feel the need to make football matches more interesting by putting a hundred players on each side. then the problem is with you rather than football.

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HOLIDAYS

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■ THE Cruise Network is offering a seven-night Western Caribbean cruise on board Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas for 1949. Departing on October 11 the price, £405 cheaper than the brochure, includes flights to Miami, a night at the Sheraton Bay Biscayne Hotel, taxes and full board on the ship. Details: 01772 727757.

■ A SEVEN-NIGHT unescorted self-drive Swiss wine and cheese tour is on offer from Kuoni for £575 per person until mid-August. The price includes return flights with Swissair, pre-booked accommodation with breakfast at Chexbres, Gstaad, Grimentz and Crans Montana and Hertz car rental. Details

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VIRGIN TRAINS has teamed up with Irish Ferries in a two-for-one deal. A second person can travel free on purchase of a return ticket from London to Dublin for £59, excluding peak weekends. Details: 0345

HOTELS SAVINGS of up to 20 per cent

off published room rates are available at over 200 UK hotels throughout July and August through Superbreak Mini-Holidays. Typical is the the three-star Forte Posthouse in Birmingham. Details: 0161-238 5257.

■ LE MERIDIEN and Forte hotels are offering up to 50 per cent off normal room rates at their UK and international hotels during July and August. Reservations (two nights' minimum) are necessary. Details: 0800 404040.

■ LEARN to play polo at the Royal Berkshire Hotel near Ascot. A two-night weekend break, including tuition, a dinner and a visit to watch the experts play at Windsor Great Park, costs £410 a person. The tariff for non-riders is from £163 a person. Details: 01344

A VISIT to Buckingham Palace during August is in-cluded in the weekend-breaks offer from the Cadogan Hotel in Sloane Street, London. Cost for the two-night stay, which

includes visits to other London attractions, is E269 a person. Details: 0171-235 7141.

SUMMER BREAKS at Middlethorpe Hall. York, run from June 20 until September 12. Rates are from E92 a person a night from Sunday to Thursday, rising to E97 on Fri-day and Saturday. Price includes dinner and a visit to a local historic house. Details: 01904 641241.

■ BODYSGALLEN HALL near Llandudno in North Wales has introduced a two-night "folly" break to draw attention to some of the follies contained within the hotel's 200 acres. Rates start at £94 a person a night. Details: 01492

HANOI now has a Sofitel Metropole Hotel, and it is offering a three-night Hanoi adventure package available until the end of August, giving first-time visitors to Vietnam a tour of the city's attractions. Cost is from £437 a room for three nights, based on double occupancy. If you are interested, quote World and Words offer, Details: 0181-741 9699.

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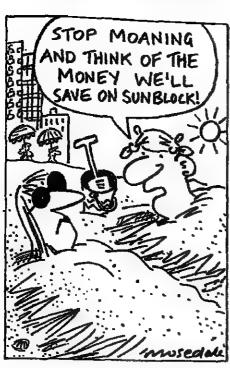
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## Sunbathers face increased risk of skin cancer



IT'S A sobering thought after a week of unbroken sunshine, but sunbathing claims 1.800 lives in Britain each year, nearly half as many as road accidents, and the numbers are rising rapidly.

Nearly 40,000 people develop skin cancer annually, 50 per cent more than 25 years ago, when the advent of cheaper holidays abroad meant that millions could suddenly afford a break in the sun, exposing themselves to harmful ultra-violet rays, often with little or no

It takes ten to 15 years for skin cancers to develop, so doctors expect the numbers will continue to rise because of the constant growth in the number of sunshine holidays and the fashion for golden tans throughout the Parents, too, are blamed for exposing their

children to too much sun. We absorb half our lifetime's ultra-violet rays as children, and the rest of it during an average of 39 days a year on holiday or at weekends.

You do not need to go to the Mediterranean to get sunburnt, With long-range forecasters predicting that our climate will become warm enough to produce good red wines within the next 30 years, doctors are becoming increasingly alarmed at the blase way the British,

By IAN MURRAY

particularly males, continue to go out in the midday sun. Figures show that skin cancer is more prevalent in coastal areas. This is not only because people living there tend to sunbathe more often, but because they are retirement areas which attract well-to-do pensioners who have probably spent many holidays in the sun during their working lives.

The growth in skin cancer has led the Health Education Authority to declare this Sun Awareness Week to educate people about the dangers of overexposure to harmful rays. The basic rules are never to go outside between Ham and 3pm without a sunblock cream of at least factor 15.

Dr John Hawk, consultant dermatologist at St Thomas's Hospital in London, says there is no point in buying anything with a sun protection factor of less. The lower-factor creams are almost useless," he says. "There is no real advantage in putting them on, it is just a pharmaceutical ruse to obtain money."

Even better than a sunblock, he says, is to wear broad-brimmed sun hats and cotton clothes to cover as much of the body as possible. He points out that Arabs cover themselves with flowing robes from head to toe. "There is no such thing as a healthy tan," he says "If the skin turns brown, it shows that it has been

Katie Aston, the Health Education Authority's campaign director on cancer, says that macho sunbathing by men is the most worrying development. A third more women than men develop malignant melanoma, but a third more men than women die of it. Slightly more men than women develop non-melanoma cancer but almost double the number of men die of it because they report it when the condition is too advanced for successful treatment.

"Men are less likely to aspire to a tan and more likely to burn," says Ms Aston. "They seem to think that it is really hunky to take their shirts off. But a sunburnt chest isn't attractive.

Women are more used to putting cream on their faces and are therefore much readier to use sunscreens. By the time they are 13, girls start to want a tan because they think it is sexually attractive, but by the time they are 28 they have got their man and become less interested in it. There are signs that they start tanning again when they are 45 because the children are off their hands and they want to reassert themselves."

## The - Travel Business

## No one profits from a BA strike

ver the past few years we have become used to strikes hitting Air France and other state-owned airlines. But ~ apart from some sabre-raitling by pilots last year -British Airways has lived through a period of comparative industrial calm.

Because of this, its customers have remained loyal, despite fierce competition from low-cost airlines and rival "flag carriers". Profits and staff numbers have grown, enabling all 57,000 employees this year to share a £94 million bonus - 3.3 weeks' pay or a minimum of £1,100 each.

But this week a headline in The Times read "BA faces prospect of sum-

'Union mer strikes". The story outlined officials are how two groups of workers - all whipping members of, or affiliated to, the up fears Transport and General Workers that pay Union — are being balloted on will be cut' industrial action.

If either group votes in favour. by mid-July British Airways flights will either be grounded or severely disrupted.

The argument centres on BA's search for bigger cost savings. It wants to negoti-ate with each section separately, wants agreement for changes to working practices and even two-year pay freezes. Only by doing so, BA argues, will it continue making such profits. Another idea was that the

airline should no longer do its own catering. "We must invest in aircraft — not in kitchens." BA said. Nearly every other airline in the world had specialist catering firms to produce their inflight food and Heathrow was the only airport in the world where BA still did its own catering, it said.

So it was decided to sell off the whole operation to a in the teeth" proved too much for the T&G, whose members had "made many sacrifices to ensure the profitability of the business". A ballot involving all 9,000 ground staff - not just caterers - is now being The other dispute involves

cabin crew, who have long argued for increases in basic pay so that they get better pensions and bigger profitsharing bonuses,

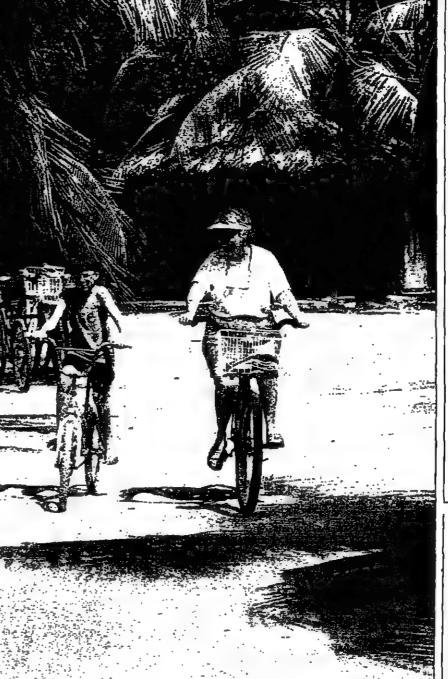
This year BA agreed as part of a complex deal which gave some cabin crew up to 24 per cent more money and guaranteed that, should anyone be worse off through loss of allowances, it would make up the difference. One breakaway union — Cabin Crew 89 - agreed immediately. The T&G's affiliate, BASSA, did not and called a

ballot BA relies on its cabin erew to project its image to the world. row goes on, morale has plum-meted and the "trolley dolly" smiles are wearing thin. BA vows to keep flying whatever

happens, has closed the union office at Heathrow, hints at further action against those who strike and threatens to tear up agree-

ments aiready reached should there be a strike. Union officials are meanwhile urging members to "stand up to the playground bully" and whipping up fears that their pay will be cut when it won't. Officials have described BA as acting like "a 19th-century mill owner". The smaller union Cabin Crew 89 has been described as having anything from 600 to 1,500 members when it actually has 2,967 and is expanding

at the rate of 20 a week. Normally such squabbles have little impact on real people. But this summer millions all over the world expect to fly with BA. It would be outrageous if this quarrel were allowed to plans, and it would harm the image of new Britain in the 85 countries BA serves. The disputes can and must be



## Sterling boost for France

BY STEVE KEENAN

THE surge in sterling strength following the French elections should further boost the recovery in demand for summer holidays across the Channel this year.

With tourist rates nudging Fr9.3 to the pound, the market to France is up by a quarter this summer. Top-of-therange villas and contages are the first to sell out in peak school holiday weeks.

Francophiles are unlikely to find their first-choice holidays. say tour operators, who are concentrating on selling their "shoulder season" stock of June and September holidays.

Just France this week reported that its sales have doubled over 1996. John Parker, managing director, said: "We do have some prime properties available in high season - but this is only as a result of cancellations."

VFB Holidays reported sales to France were up 20 per cent, with Corsica showing the biggest increase. And Thomas Cook reported sales of package holidays to France up 24 per cent to the end of April.

Holidaymakers are also unlikely to find as many bargains for cross-Channel travel ment this week gave the go-ahead for the merger of P&O and Stena Line on terry routes from Dover and Newhaven. The companies were meeting European Union officials last night and await UK Government approval.

The two companies believe they can put a merged opera-tion into effect within two weeks, reducing Dover-based ships from nine to six and hardening summer prices. Le Shuttle has also stuck to

peak prices of £169 return, compared to £129 last summer. Both the ferries and tour operators are looking to make money after four years of decline in the French market. The Dover Harbour Board yesterday reported that its passenger numbers were up 26 per cent to the end of May. compared with the same fivemonth period last year.

One sector under-performing is that of tents and mobile homes. Sales of apartment holidays are also below the average increase. The best bargains are to be found in these two markets. Keycamp has cut prices for two-week camping holidays by up to £230 for July, while apartment holidays on the French Riviera have been reduced by up to £400 by Just France.

### Medals for clean team

By Iola Smith MORE than a thousand vol-

unteers who helped to clean up the Pembrokeshire coast after last year's Sea Empress oil spill were yesterday awarded specially struck medals by the Welsh Tourist Board. Their actions and the effectiveness of the operation, they were told, averted long-term economic damage to the region's tourism industry. Oakwood Leisure Park,

Narberth, Pembrokeshire, home of Europe's largest wooden roller-coaster, has won the large business category in the 1997 Wales Tourism Awards. The ten-year-old business welcomes 430,000 visitors a year.

The medium-sized business award went to Llangorse Rope Centre, Brecon, an activity centre offering abseiling, climbing and caving, Llangloffan Farmhouse, Haverfordwest, won the small business category for its farm holidays and cheese-making. .

# Hotels pass the green test

ONE OF Britain's leading long-haul tour operators has drawn up a "green list" of environmently friendly hotels in the Caribbean after an impassioned plea from the Prince of Wales.

The Prince's article - in Green Hotelier magazine argued that the world's most beautiful places were often ruined by uncontrolled devel-

"For many places, the pro-cess of uglification through insensitive development for mass tourism and the destruction of natural environments. townscapes and fragile ecosystems have demonstrated vividly and tragically the limits to sustainability," the Prince wrote.

His words prompted British Airways Holidays (BAH) to conduct a survey among its customers. More than half said they would choose an airline or tour operator which took into account environmental issues.

"We decided to see whether they would put into practice what they said to the researchers," said Roger Heape, BAH's managing director. "We will monitor what happens and if sales go up among the hotels we have identified we will extend the idea to other parts of the world."

mand proof that their hotel is environmentally friendly and other British tour operators are certain to follow BAH's initiative. More than 100 hotels were

surveyed by the International

Hotels Environment Initiative

IHEI environment logo

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Hotel Association. Thirteen were identified as having the best environmental practice, achieving at least a 75 per cent "pass rate" in key areas, including staff training, monitoring of energy consumption, waste management, control of hazardous chemicals, links with the local community, keeping buildings in local style and pur-

chasing policies. Each of the hotels meeting the criteria will be given a logo to use in BAH brochures. "The logo will allow people to consider environmental practice when making their holiday choice," Mr Heap said.

Prince Charles argued that companies and governments were "gradually coming to appreciate, sometimes when it is too late, the almost unstoppable seeds of destruction for the unspoilt parts of our world which drive the quest for travel in the first place".

He railed against "badmannered development" and said that there were "too many eyesores in the world designed as cheap, featureless dormitory blocks with no regard to how the building blends in with its surroundings".

He added: "As travel and tourism grow, so does the demand for new hotels and many in ecologically delicate and desirable sites. So, environmentally, socially and aesthetically responsible hotelsiting design and construction is in my view the foundation from which the industry can develop sustainably."

The 13 hotels which meet the IHEI criteria are: Galley Bay, Antigua; Comfort Suites, Bahamas: Biras Creek Resort, British Virgin Islands; Rex Grenadian, Grenada; Half Moon Club, Jamaica: Sandals Resort Negril, Jamaica; Ren-dezvous, St Lucia; Cauarina Beach Club, Barbados; Cambridge Beaches, Bermuda; La Source, Grenada; Spice Island. Grenada: Swept Away Resorts, Jamaica: Sans Souci



## Singapore falls short of its tourism target

BY JON ASHWORTH

SINGAPORE is falling behind in its drive to become the tourism hub of South-East Asía, despite a high-profile advertising campaign span-ning two continents. Visitor arrivals rose only 3

per cent last year — well short of the ambitious target set by Singapore's planners. The city state needs arrivals to rise 6.4 per cent a year to hit its target of ten million visitors by 2000. The number of visitors tailed off sharply two years ago, prompting planners to rethink their

tourism strategy. They are trying to broaden Singapore's appeal, playing on cultural diversity and selling it as a clean. efficient gateway to the beaches of Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. In Japan, the biggest

source of visitors to Singapore, subway stations have been blanketed with the theme Singapore Fever. In Taiwan, the theme is Singapore Storm. In the UK. Singapore is sold as an ideal entry point to

South-East Asia, using the slogan "So easy to enjoy, so hard to forget". Tourism chiefs have committed £140 million towards an aggressive promotional campaign but have yet to

make significant inroads.

Drawbacks include the

strength of the Singapore dollar, which makes accommodation and entertaining expensive, and competition from neighbouring Malaysia, which is fighting fiercely for its own share of the market. Singapore's booming status

per night. The hotel opened in January 1996 and has 610

Business visitors are the main prize

as a cruise-ship hub counts in its favour. And a 60,000 sq ft exhibition and convention centre, due to open late next year, will allow Singapore to compete with established destinations such as Germany for a bigger slice of the conventions market. Business travellers remain

rooms, including 19 exec-utive suites, and is close to the existing conference and exhibition facilities. Occupancy at Singa-pore's 29,000 hotel rooms averages 75-80 per cent.

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at new hotels such as the Ritz-

Carlton Millenia, where rooms cost from \$\$430 (£186)

The Singapore Tourist Promotion Board (STPB) remains confident that its tourism drive will pay off. Lin Net Koh, deputy diclopment at the STPB, says: "We have not met our target yet, but it takes time." The new convention centre will be a "very important draw" when i comes to pulling in foreign earnings.
Some 7.22 million people visited Singapore

last year, 70 per cent of them from within Asia. Japan tops the list, with

nearly 1.2 million arrivals (according to 1995 figures), followed by Indonesia (just over 1 million), Malaysia (681,000) and Taiwan (563,000). The UK leads the field among visitors from Europe, with 288,000 arrivals in 1995, down from a high of

## Goa cracks down on drugs traffic

By CATHERINE CHETWYND

POLICE in Goa are cracking down on young tourists found in possession of drugs. "We are not interested in drug tourism," says Inspector General Brar of the Indian police. The law is very, very severe. The minimum penalty is ten years' imprisonment for even very small quantities of

Sue Wheat, of the environmental pressure group Tourism Concern, said: "In Third World countries, the risk of children getting involved with drugs is greater because of the disparity between tourists lifestyles and that of the local population."

A spokesman for the High Commissioner for India in London said the authorities were fighting a battle of economic realities. "We are trying to promote tourism in the area but don't want that to be at the expense of local traditions."

The issue is broader than drugs, Goa's Roman Catholic Portuguese ancestry, combined with cultural influences.

makes for a strong conservative tradition. Europeans sunbathing in modest (by our standards) swimsuits cause sufficient interest for Indians to come to Goa simply to look

Phoebe Collins, producer of BBC Radio 1's documentary programme World Party, to be broadcast on Sunday at 7pm, said her research suggested the drugs problem was not simply Western tourists corrupting local values and being punished accordingly.

"Many tourists are mis-

trustful of the police," she said. Visitors all know what baksheesh means - a bribe, and many people believe police bust cannabis users specifically to get baksheesh, which can be thousands of pounds."

Inspector General Brar admitted that three policemen had recently been suspended and were facing dismissal for extorting money from two British tourists. "But to brand it as widespread is not cor-

#### TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

Gap Year special: how to make the most of the year after school Day trip to Venice — by Eurostar Eric Jacobs in Honduras Therese Gordon-Duffy on Verona

## Airline expands Majorca service

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

DEMAND for a new cut-price scheduled air service to Maiorca is so great that the airline providing it is to increase the number of flights to three a week in November and plans further expansion next year. Hundreds of villa and

apartment owners and tenants who live in Britain and rely heavily on scheduled airlines to reach their properties were shocked when Iberia suddenly stopped all its flights to Palma at the end of March.

British Airways no longer operates a regular scheduled service to Majorca, so inde-pendent travellers not on a package deal had to use either British Midland from Heathrow or last-minute seats on charter flights. With demand far exceeding supply, many were unable to get a seat and prices spared.

However, Futura Direct, a small Majorca-based airline which is 85 per cent owned by the Irish carrier Aer Lingus,

obtained a licence to operate on the route from the beginning of this month. The service was flooded with bookings and all 156 economy and 14 business-class seats have been taken on every flight from

Efforts to obtain additional take-off and landing slots foundered because Gatwick is already full at peak times. The earliest the airline can obtain a convenient slot is from November 2 and indications are that this will not be enough. The airline has applied to increase the frequency from next April and more flights will be added if possible.

Futura operates a fleet of Boeing 737-400 and offers fares from E99 for the winter. The one-month economy super apex is from £129 return, with business-class seats costing £260 return. These prices are about 20 per cent lower than those charged by



### Showdown has more passion

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

than cents

FOR those who like their athletics to be more than skin deep, the 5,000 metres in the Golden Gala grand prix in Rome tonight should reach the parts that the much-hyped events in Hengelo, Holland, and Toronto last weekend failed to reach. How ironic it would be if the first world record-breaking duel of the season came free of milliondollar incentives and promo-

tional fanfare.

Daniel Komen against Salah Hissou, over 122 laps is, in one respect, a race in the mould of those held between Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson, in Toronto, and Hai-Gebrselassie and

Noureddine Morceli, in Hengelo. They meet over a neutral distance: Komen, from Kenya, record holder; Hissou, from Morocco, is the 10,000 metres world record-holder.

However, less than \$200,000 awaits the winner in appearance and bonus payments, even if he breaks the world record, and there will be an element of team racing between the Kenyans and Moroccans.

There is no inveterate rivalry in athletics like that between these two countries, vividly highlighted by the 1992 Olympic 10,000 metres, when Khalid Skah, from Morocco, was disqualified from the gold medal then, while Kenya protested, reinstated.

Aziz Daouda. Hissou's manager, said: "We are going to do great things at the Golden Gala." For Hissou, who ran a personal best 12min 50.80sec last year, that can only mean taking Gebrselassie's world record of 12min 44.39sec. Kim McDonald, Komen's manager, said the Kenyan, who came within a second of the record in Zurich last year, would "come close or break the world

Sebastian Coe's 800 metres world record must be vulnerable every time Wilson Kipketer runs the distance. which he does tonight. British interest centres on Linford Christie, in the 100 metres, and Sally Gunnell, in the 400

## Century-old boxing film delivers knockout blow to modern-day directors

## Sporting life leaves Hollywood reeling



cruellest critic. Just ask the omoters of the so-called head-to-head showdown between Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson last weekend.

They know that all the dever camera angles in the world, all the fancy hype and editing, cannot fake the drama of a genuine contest.

Never is this more evident than when the Hollywood film makers get to work on sport. They can hire the best directors, actors and writers, but when it comes to sport on the screen, fiction will always take a beating from the real thing.

Since the earliest days of the cinema, the real thing has scored heavily over embarrassing fictionalized versions of sport, as will be demonstrated at the National Film Theatre next week.

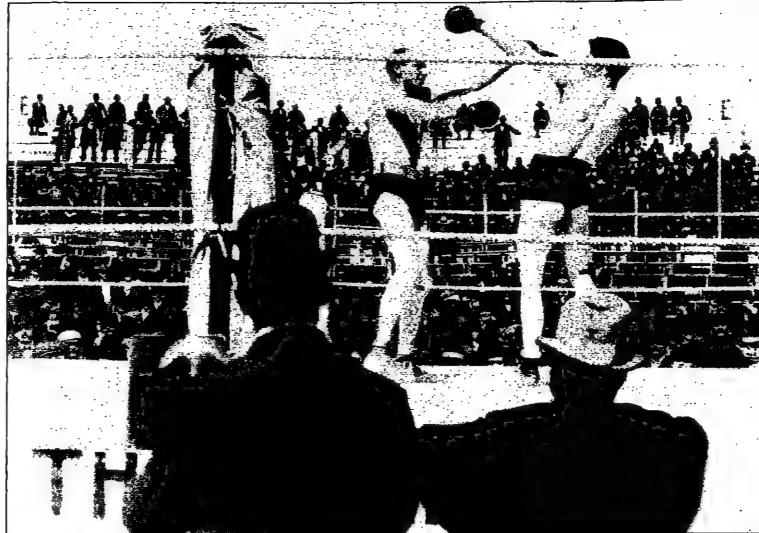
The theatre is celebrating 100 years of boxing films and the highlight of the programme is a flickering, century-old record of the first title bout recorded on film — the battle for the heavyweight championship of the world between the American, 'Gentleman" Jim Corbett, and the Cornishman, Bob Fitzsimmons.

They met on March 17, 1897, in Carson City, Nevada, and Corbett, the champion, lost his title to a controversial solar plexus punch in the fourteenth round.

What makes this documentary score so heavily over films such as Rocky is the seductive detail and the authenticity of the action. Corbett was, at 30, an elegant boxer who sported a bouffant hairstyle and fancled himself as an actor. He was a snappy dresser and the film shows him wearing a pair of shorts cut alarmingly high. Fitzsimmons, at 34, was something of a contrast. He had amazing upper-body development as a result of his work as a blacksmith but, at 156lbs, his legs were very skinny. He was described vividly as a fighting machine on stilts.

Before the contest, Sheriff Bat Masterson, the famous Western marshal, and his deputies collected more than 400 guns from customers at the gates. Another sheriff, Wyatt Earp, stood guard in Corbett's corner with a loaded six-gun.

"After the fight was finished," one



Brief encounter: Corbett, right, sporting high-cut shorts, fends off an assault by Fitzsimmons during their encounter in Carson City

contemporary report noted, "the beaten combatant, on his partial recovery, became frantic, broke away from his seconds, and rushed about after his conqueror, striking blindly left and right, his seconds having finally to carry him by force

from the ring".

Although this was the first successful film of a genuine bout, some exhibition matches had been filmed as early as 1894. These could only be seen as peepshows, not on a screen, and must be the first examples of pay-per-view sport.

One of these, shot in a studio. featured Corbett against Peter Courtney. When Fitzsimmons went to America he had never seen Corbett fight, but he is said to have sized up his opponent by watching him on the peepshow footage.

The film of their title contest lasted

for an hour and a haif and was soon a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic. It was in such demand that pirated copies appeared and fakes

### 'It is the toe-curling lack of reality that upsets most sports lovers'

ere made with actors playing Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

These fooled nobody and were so ridiculous that they had the audiences rolling with laughter — an experience that anyone who has sat through a fictionalised sporting melodrama in the cinema will share. For there is nothing as awful in a sporting feature film as those unforgettable moments when the director utterly fails to capture the authenticity of a contest.

Who can forget the ludicrous goalkeeping of Sylvester Stallone in Escape to Victory? In this appalling prisoner of war story, the Allies field a football team that includes Stallone and Michael Caine alongside Pelé and Bobby Moore.

When he gets into shorts. Stallone has a lot to answer for. You will find him in yet more unconvincing sporting action in the Rocky films, where he always fails to take the final count, despite ever-increasing evidence of brain damage.

It is the toe-curling lack of reality that upsets most sports lovers when they watch fictionalised contests, I train sometimes with a veteran runner whose finest cinematic moment was as an extra in a quaint 1970 film, The Games. The plot tells of four marathon runners preparing for the Rome Olympics, and if you allow this one-time extra to draw breath on a run he will tell you how, despite endiess takes, he and other athletes repeatedly failed to run

slowly enough to make Charles Aznavour look like Emile Zatopek. Significantly, in recent times, the only sport feature films that have credibility are those such as Hoop Dreams and When We Were Kings, which use documentary footage.
There are no such problems for the

National Film Theatre. As well as the Corbett v Fitzsimmons bout, they are showing the first black heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, beating Jim Jeffries in 1910, Jack Dempsey against Georges Car-pentier in 1921 and the rematch beween Joe Louis and Max Schmeling in 1938.

So forget the cinema gang of actors who can't play and players who can't act. When it comes to a sporting film, the real thing will beat the fiction every time - even if it is silent, black and white, flickering and 100 years old. ☐ Battles of the Century will be

screened at the NFT (0171 928 3232) on Tuesday, June 10 (6.30pm).

## 7 Janbury 1 Calzaghe's march unlikely to be halted

JOE CALZAGHE, the unbeaten Welsh super-middleweight. continues on his march to-wards a world title in the autumn at Whitchurch, Bristol, tonight. He meets Luciano Torres, from Brazil.

Since only two of Calzaghe's opponents have managed to last more than five rounds — 16 of them falling in one, six in two - it is most unlikely that Torres will stay around too

As a result of his successes, Calzaghe is convinced he is the best super-middleweight in the world and boxing fans will be watching to see how effi-ciently he dispatches the

Torres is not a great threat as he does not carry a heavy Welshman seriously, nor is he sufficiently skilled to cause too many problems.

Now 31, Torres has had 46 contests, of which he has lost two. He was stopped in one round by Yoriboy Campas, the Mexican welterweight but, despite that setback five years ago. Torres was highly regarded and was the World Boxing Association's (WBA) No I challenger last year.

Frank Warren signed him but he disappointed in his last appearance in October, after which somebody asked Warren if he was still on his books. Warren replied: "He is not even in my library.'

It is unlikely that Torres will do anything this time to make Warren change his view about his boxing. Calzaghe should provide a quick finish and help ticket sales for the world title bout.

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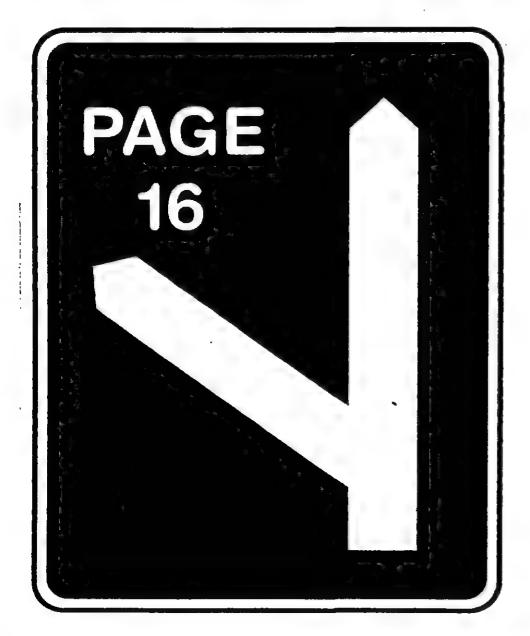
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☐ Joe Bugner, 47, retained his Pan Asian Boxing Association heavyweight title on the Gold Coast, Australia, on Tuesday night with a seventh-round knockout of Waisiki Ligaloa, the Fijian champion. The former British, Commonwealth and European champion stopped Ligaloa midway through the seventh round with a right to the jaw that sent his opponent sprawling. Bugner, ranked eleventh by the WBA, twice went the distance with Muhammad Ali

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CHANGING TIMES

**SAILING: MILES PASS SLOWLY IN ATLANTIC FOR CREW OF CONCERT** 

## Tension starts to surface after five lazy weeks in paradise

Global Challenge. I always thought that this one — the fifth and penultimate stage from Cape Town to Boston was potentially the most enjoyable. After the hard work and trauma of the Southern Ocean, a five-week trip up the Atlantic, with warm sunshine and the chance to relax,

seemed the perfect sequel. But it has turned into something of an anticlimax. Not for one moment do I wish I was back in the wilds of the Southern Ocean, but we don't have enough to do now and, in a masochistic sort of way. I think we all miss the

adrenalin rush that was a key

part of the tougher stages of

Stress levels on this leg have been higher in the last couple of weeks than at any time in the past nine months. This could be put down to the teabag crisis. We overindulged during the first two weeks and are now left with just six tea bags per day between 14 people. A better explanation is that we are not much good at doing nothing. After surviving some of the worst seas in the world, five weeks in "paradise is just too easy.

The extra time is filled with reading and there is a thriving black market in the limited supply of books on board. Sarah, the ship's medic, has tried and failed miserably to



Lucy Duncan, with time to kill, yearns for more challenging

waters and a tea party in Boston

particularly unpleasant

grey, wet and windless for 24 hours and we came out the

other end to find Group 4 well

out of sight. Looking at the

dye her hair blonde with bleach and there have been loads of competitions invented by two crew members who have joined just for this leg. Despite all this, the tensions

created by living in a confined space for long periods with 13 other people have come nearer the surface than at any time in the race. By our own standards, we are doing badly on this leg. which is certainly adding to the stresses.

Crossing the Doldrums was

position reports became quite an ordeal. We watched Mike Golding and his crew extend their lead as we leaked miles in ones or twos every six hours. Usually, there is no need to even look at the computer to find out, you can see it instantly on the faces of skipper and crew.



and our position has almost overshadowed what we have achieved already. Last week we crossed our outward track, so we have now officially circumnavigated the world Only a year ago, that would have been more than enough on its own and it still is an achievement of which I am proud, but the race seems to have pushed our personal expectations and standards even higher. It's not enough to merely sail round the world. we want to be first.

Racing apart, the sailing is idyllic. We are now well and truly back in the northern hemisphere. The FA Cup Final was on the BBC World Service, E-mails from home talk of a glorious English summer while we sail on under cloudless skies in which the Southern Cross is replaced by the Plough. We are out of the Tropics and Boston is less than a week away.

All that will remain after that is the final dash across the Atlantic and one last chance to gain that elusive first place. The nine tenths of a mile we were behind Group 4 into

Cape Town still rankles. DISTANCE TO FINISH (at 14 00 GMT versorday, with miles to Boston), 1, Group 4 540, 2, Motionals 710, 3, Courtsudes international 853, 4, Totshba Wave Warror 875, 5 Save the Children 887, 6, Cornout 911, 7 Global Tearments 989, 8, Cornout of 981, 981, 9, Commonal Union 981, 9, Nuclear Blectine 985, 10, Pauco to Remember 1,026, 11, Heath Insured II, 1083, 12, Ocean Roser, 1,097, 13, 10 om 1,134, 14, Timo and Tido 1,206

## Golding closes in on fourth-leg victory

place, the top two positions for the leg seem settled. However, Boris Webber, on Courtaulds, has his work cut out to hold

his placing — easily his best on a long leg — with Simon Walker, on Toshiba Wave Warrior, and Andy Hindley, on Save The

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

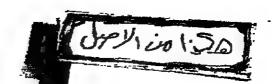
WITH stronger winds favouring the yachts at the head of the fleet. Mike Golding's Group 4 yesterday extended her lead over Mark Lodge, on Motorola, by a further 36 miles, as the leaders in the BT Global Challenge begin their final run

Golding, who is bidding for a fourth stage win out of five, has established an insurmountable lead over Lodge, in second place, with a margin in terms of distance to the finish of around 165 miles. Yesterday Group 4 had just 600 miles still to sail and was expected to reach Boston With Motorola about 142 miles ahead Children, who are scrapping for second and third places overall, close on his Marcus Hutchinson, of Great Britain, and Michel Desjoyeaux, of France, are still leading the double-handed Tour of Brittany, after finishing fifth yesterday in the offshore race overnight from Perros Guirec to Douarnegez.

The race, which was characterised by light airs and very strong tides, was won by the Vendée Globe survivor, Thierry

Dubois, sailing with Christophe Godard. One casualty was the former single-handed transatlantic winner, Philippe Poupon, on Fleury Michon, who put his 31ft Beneteau-Figaro on the rocks shortly after the start, but managed to recover to linish sixteenth. Damian Foxall, of Ireland, on DHL, is eleventh overall with five races to come

In the Corel Mumm 36 world championships at Punta Ala. Italy, the key offshore race, which commands more points than any other in the series, got under way in light airs. John Merricks, of Great Britain, on Bradamante, who was second overall going into the race, made a good start and was clocked in third position with about two thirds of the race



Andrew Longmore meets a trainer hoping to fashion victory from his first Derby runner

# Hanbury tailors Fahris to demands of Epsom

for Ben Hanbury. Not only has he the task of nursing his Derby horse. Fahris, through to the great day, he has to decide what to wear. No mean decision for one of racing's namest dress-

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Surprisingly, for a man of his training pedigree, Fahris will be Hanbury's first Derby runner. Hence the jitters. He has won the Oaks and the 1,000 Guineas with the flying Midway Lady, had 700 winners, including eight group one races, in a 23-year career. but the Derby has never come within range. Kala Dancer, a high-class two-year-old, caught pneumonia. Bin Ajwaad - his best chance fractured a pastern in the French 2.000 Guineas.

In the unsociable, tightlipped world of Flat racing, Hanbury is a throwback to a more expansive age. He calls you "good man", wears pink slacks and yellow cardigans and packs his golf clubs for a week at Chester races.

The motto over the entrance to his Diomed Stables in Newmarket should read "Open 24 hours a day" because he has this quaint notion that his sport should be made available to the public. Visitors are given guided tours of his yard.

The bigger trainers wouldn't let you in." he said. "But I've had letters from people in Scotland, Dorset, all over the country, thanking me for letting them into my yard. They think you're too busy to bother, but you're never too busy because you're working

Hanbury is a talented self-

publicist, one of the few to send out brochures and to employ a public relations firm. At times, only his extrovert nature has kept him in business. When Ravi Tikoo, his main owner, took 50 horses away from Hanbury's new El million yard, almost overnight. Hanbury went ahead with the purchase of 20 yearlings, photographed them and sent details to everyone he could think of round the

world. He sold the lot. "Unfor-



Hanbury: testing times

turiately," he said, "none of them was any good."

Hanbury has never had quite enough good horses, which, for all his optimism, is a source of frustration. "You don't want to be slogging round Pontefract and Brighton all your life. It's your ambition to get good horses." References to Stoute and Cecil pepper his conversation, not out of jealousy but slight bewilderment. Why is it they have 30 horses to tackle group

Fahris goes wrong, the season

"It's like a hand of cards. The more cards you have, the more likely you are to have a royal flush. I consider myself to be as good a trainer as Stoute and Cecil, but they're more likely to get a full hand."

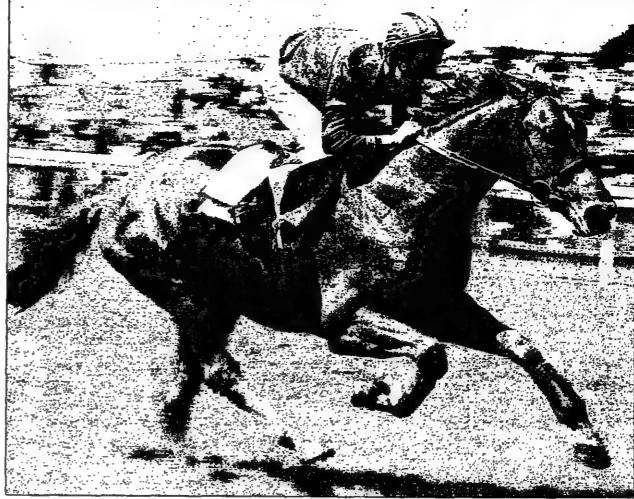
Perhaps he has trumpeted too loudly for a sport which nevolves on whispers or been deemed too extravagant for such a hard-nosed business. He has fun, which is viewed with suspicion, and has a house ten miles outside Newmarket so that he can divorce himself from his work.

"I didn't want my children brought up in all the muck and swearing," he reasoned. "I work damn hard, but racing is not the be all and end all of life. I leve my golf and tennis."

Hanbury might just have struck lucky with Fahris, who was transferred out of the now retired Tom Jones's stable last year. Hanbury picked Fahris first of his three choices, but presumed other more powerlul trainers would do the same. "I was immediately taken by his presence. He was very athletic, very well balanced and he had shown some takent as a two-year-old. But I fully expected him to go to someone else," he said.

Having recovered from a recent sinus operation. Fahris, who won the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket's Craven meeting in taking style, is looking the part again. However, the berting suggests a wonder horse from across town will ensure the rest are competing for

That an Entrepreneur should emerge just as he has a



Mark Rimmer sports his silks as Fahris is put through his paces in a gallop between races at Newmarket

realistic chance for Derby glory would be typical of Hanbury's luck. But his first reaction on seeing Entrepreneur's sweeping victory in the 2,000 Guineas was to welcome a new star [Thorses like that

benefit everyone"; the second was to check up on his pedigree. Would Entrepreneur stay the Derby trip?

"I'll be sustained by the suggestion he won't. If he

home because he could be better than Shergar. My concern is to have life after the Derby. Fahris could be beaten five lengths and go on to win a group one race somewhere

Or he could win the Derby and prove that men with a penchant for pink and yellow can be winners too? It would be just reward for Hanbury and the best promotion campaign of his life.

### Injury setback for First Island

LEADING miler First Island faces an uncertain future after sustaining an injury on the gallops yes-terday. The Geoff Wraggtrained five-year-old was operated on yesterday and will miss his intended

target at Royal Ascot.
"First Island's racing ⊐reer looks in doubt after he suffered a spiral fracture of the right cannon bone while working on Newmarket Heath this morning," Wragg reported yesterday.

"His next race would have been the Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot. He will be undergoing surgery today and there is every hope that the operation will be successful,"

Losing First Island would be a bitter blow for Wragg and his owners, Mollers Racing. The horse has proved a bargain for the Irl30,000 guineas he cost as a yearling.

He graduated from listed class to collect the group one Sussex Stakes at Goodwood and the valuable Hong Kong Interna-tional Cup at Sha Tin last year. He landed his second group one victory in the Lockinge Stakes at

Newbury last month. First Island's injury follows that of Time Allowed, Michael Stoute's Coronation Cup hope, who fractured an off-hind pastern during routine work on Monday and was operated on and her leg put in a

### Jenyns demoted again after York incident

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

banned from acting as chairman of a stewards' panel until 1999, at the carliest. The Thirsk solicitor has been penalised for a well-publicised incident at York last month when his brusque treatment of two Channel 4 executives at-

tracted widespread criticism. Jenyns subsequently resigned from the York stewards' panel and the Jockey Club disciplinary committee met on Monday to consider a letter of complaint from Chan-

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judgment, which he admitted, and ruled it inappropriate for him to continue to act as chairman of the stewards' panel at Pontefract and

But he will be able to continue to serve as a member of the panel at the two courses. David Pipe, Jockey Club director of public affairs, said: "The chairman is the most important guy on the panel. Because John Jenyns made an error of judgment, it was considered inappropriate that he should The committee found continue to act in that role."

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#### Harrison rides Single Empire

DAVID HARRISON, who rode Single Empire to win the Italian Derby, has retained the ride on the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained colt in the Derby at Epsom on Saturday. Harrison was given the mount on the 50-l chance after John Reid opted to partner Romanov, the colt's stable-companion. Harrison's only previous experience of the classic came on Chief Contender, who finished ninth behind Shaamit last year. "I think Single Empire has a good chance. He likes the ground and did well to win in Italy because he got hampered,"

#### RICHARD EVANS

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11-1); 3. Coe-Jay-Ay (Mr R Hate, 15-2).
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## Atlantic Viking blazes trail

a 35-year course record at Newcastle yesterday. The colt contemptuously beat the 100-30 on chance Shegardi by four lengths in the Bet Compelling Timeform Commentaries'

Maiden Stakes. His time of 58.83sec lowered by 0.37sec the previous best time for a juvenile over five furlongs, set by Dunce Cap in

Darryll Holland, deputising for the suspended Jason Weaver, hardly had an anx-

ATLANTIC VIKING bettered ious moment as Atlantic Viking made all the running and quickened impressively to pull clear in the final furlong.

Mark Johnston, the winning trainer, reported that Atlantic Viking would be entered for the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, but warned that the colt was not guaranteed to rum at the showpiece meeting. "Juveniles I've run there before have often disappointed after Ascot. I think it takes a

lot out of them and it's possible

we'll wait for something else."

2.30 FLEGGS SELLING HANDICAP

(£2,671: 1m 3yd) (20)

5-1 Chatte Hall Lant, 6-1 Motophysio, 7-1 Square Miles Miles, 5-7 Baille Graund, Charastimation, 70-1 Animal To Corphica, Mr Rough, 72-1 others

3.00 ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT MADEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,784: 713yd) (7) 5-4 Eurotaik Prolife, 7-2 Journalito, 6-1 Free As A Bird, Mann Song, 7-1 Go For Green, 14-1 Cardonian, 33-1 Promi Salvano

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3.10 MACLAY BREWERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,371: 2m 4l 110yd) (5)

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6-4 Lankathen, 9-4 Pharmbob, 5-1 Two For One, 7-1 Charrot Dat, 16-1 Jazzi For Me, Rossino, Monkey Westch.

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□ Paddy's Return, trained at Middleham by Ferdy Murphy and ridden by Norman Williamson, faces eight rivals in the £33,670 Prix La Barka over 2m 5f 110yd at Auteuil roday. Richard Dunwoody rides the Paddy Mullins-trained Noble Thyne.



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## Howard unfazed by sideways bounce

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

WHEN you are just about the best amateur in Great Britain. you can be blasé about the Walker Cup. When your place in the team against the United States in August is virtually assured, then you can say what you like about the event. When you are 44, playing the best golf of your career and have missed only one cut in four years of amateur golf, you are entitled to be relaxed about

So it was with Barclay Howard yesterday after he had defeated Pasi Purhonen. of Finland, in the second round of the Amateur Championship at Royal St George's, on an overcast day thick with

I am a lot different about the Walker Cup to the way I was two years ago." Howard said after recovering from being three down after four holes to win 2 and 1. "I was so uptight then it was a joke. I

watch the video all the time even though 90 per cent of it is

Howard's victory was marked by a bizarre incident on the 17th. His second shot was heading towards the flag when it hit a sprinkler head in front of the green and shot off sideways into a bunker. "Hello." Howard thought to himself, "Is somebody trying to tell me something?"

If they were it did not work. He hit a beautifully judged bunker shot to five feet and holed the putt for a par that gave him victory. Howard then walked back to support Graham Rankin, a fellow Scot, against Shaun Philipson, an England reserve for last year's home internationals who had beaten Shaun Webster, the English champion, in the morning.

Rankin needed more than support: an implant of some of Howard's grey matter would not have gone amiss for he played the 18th as if he was not thinking. Having just taken the lead by holing from 20 feet on the 17th, Rankin, a very

powerful hitter, chose an iron from the next tee. His first mistake was to hit his hall to the right of the fairway, from where he had a very difficult shot to the flag, which is well guarded by a bunker. His second mistake was to aim for the flag and end in that bunker. He would have been better off in Duncan's Hollow to the left of the green. Philipson, meanwhile, had

driven left, the better to open up the green. His ball was in thick rough but his spirits were buoyed by seeing where Rankin's ball ended. With some of the pressure lifted, he played a better shot than he probably would have done had Rankin's ball ended on

Using a nine-iron, Philipson chased his ball out of the rough and saw it bound on to the putting surface. "It was a bit of a swipe," Philipson said modestly but swipe or not he got his par and Rankin did

On the 19th in the morning Philipson had despatched Webster by hitting a magnificent one-iron through the wind to within six feet. In the afternoon, though, the hole was halved after Philipson holed from 35 feet and then Rankin followed him in from

The stroke that won Philipson his second extratime victory of the day was his second on the 20th. Having pitched on the green, it rolled 15 feet to the right as if drawn by a string until it stopped one foot from the flag. Rankin could only concede.

Overall, Rankin may have played better and certainly he was unlucky on the 20th. "Graham would beat me eight times out of ten," Philipson said. "To be honest, he was not at his best today." You would have thought, however, that a Walker Cup player would not have made two such mistakes in quick succession.

Rankin was not the only member of the 1995 team to be defeated. Jody Fanagan, three up with three to play against Patty, of LPGA fame, lost at



Matt Carver, of West Kent, the leading qualifier, plays towards the cooling towers from the 9th tee at Royal St George's yesterday

## Montgomerie predicts plane sailing

COLIN MONTGOMERIE. who heads the cast list of the Compaq European Grand Prix, which starts today, arrived at Slaley Hall. Northum-bria, in bullish mood. Infuriating though he can be at times, he is never frightened to be publicly self-critical when things are going wrong, and is equally prepared to bang the drum when his form is on an upward spiral. He says he is feeling good this week — the rest had better vatch out.

Montgomerie, second in the Ryder Cup points list, will not be without a challenge. The involvement this year of Compaq has given this tournament a £050,000 shot in the arm, and the consequence is

players in the Cup list are present, including Miguel Angel Martin, Costantino Rocca, Lee Westwood and Paul Broadhurst.

Montgomerie goes into the tournament in gung-ho mood. Yes, he said, there had been a technical problem in his thirdround 76 at the Volvo PGA Championship, when he was hitting everything to the right, sometimes wildly so. But he had fixed it and proved it by waitzing to a 64 in the final round at Wentworth to push himself up to fifth place.

In the PGA European Tour Guide, the European No I lists do-it-yourself as one of his hobbies and that applies whether he is erecting shelves at his home in Surrey or placing a spirit level on his swing when it goes skew-whilf. Montgomerie split with Bill Ferguson, his long-time coach, last year and now tends going back inside, but in fact it is going straight back," he added. His interlocutors were his own technique. He fished the hammer and nails out of

needed attention. The technical explanation would be incomprehensible to anybody but an advanced student, but what it boiled down to was the fact that his backswing was in the wrong

the mental toolbox marked

"swing" after that calamitous 76 and found that something

"I was getting too far outside the line, so I made myself get it back more inside," he said. Those who are already lagging behind should not be concerned; this was esoteric. almost mystical stuff. For all anybody knew, he might have been speaking in Swahili. And Actually, it feels like I'm

looking more baffled by the second, so they changed the Montgomerie is choosing to prepare for the US Open at Congressional, in Maryland, next week, by playing here instead of competing in the

Kemper Open. There is no set textbook rule for playing or resting the week before a major," he said. "At the moment I'm in playing

Montgomerie was due to have appeared in the Tournament Players' Chamionship of Europe last week, but opted to

Slaley Hall instead. "I'm very fortunate to be able to play where I want these days, and I'm very glad I came here." he said, "I haven't been in contention enough this year, but I intend to be this week." Enough said.

It is no secret that Montgomerie regards the US Open as his best chance to win the major championship he so desperately wants. Two weeks ago his legendarily straight game, so powerful a weapon on US Open courses with their tight fairways and penal rough, deserted him.

He is now picking his target and hitting it and that spells potential trouble for his rivals. lf he maintains his present confident mood, he will be hard to beat this week - and

**FOOTBALL** 

### French pair ' sign for **Arsenal**

By DAVID MADDOCK

THERE is a corner of north London that is fast becoming a little piece of home for Arsène Wenger. The Arsenal manager took his contingent of French players at High-bury yesterday to five, by signing the Monaco pair, Gilles Grimandi and Emmanuel Petit, for a combined fee of £5 million.

Both are defenders and both are 27. Petit is the more experienced after joining Mo-naco in 1985 and winning 15 cans when he played under Wenger, who was coach at the Monte Carlo club in the early 1990s. Grimandi did not make his debut for Monaco until 1990 and has won international honours only with the

French military. Wenger has also stepped up his interest in Marc Overmars, of Ajax, but he may lose David Platt if Platt agrees a move to Japan.

Juninho, the Brazilian in ternational, is still unsure of his future. The player is becoming increasingly anxious over his club. Middlesbrough, failing to accept any offer so far from clubs interested in removing him from the Riverside Stadium.

Graeme Souness, walked out of the job as Southampton manager a week ago, could make a swift return to football with Torino, of Italy. He entered talks with the Serie B club yesterday and is reported to have suggested to the Italian media that he is

close to agreeing a deal.

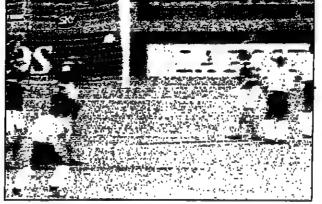
Martin O'Neill, the Leicaster City manager, took one step further to end speculation about a possible move elsewhere yesterday when he put his name to a three-year

One transfer to be completed yesterday was the signing @ of Alf Inge Haaland by Leeds United. The Norway striker had reached the end of his contract with Nottingham Forest, and Leeds are hoping to sign him for free under the Bosman ruling. Forest. for their part, have completed the signing of Kevin Miller, the Watford goalkeeper.

## Brazilian swerves into fast lane of football fame







FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN LYONS

LYONS, one of the venues for the World Cup finals next summer, has much to recommend it, with an abundance of museums, cinemas and theatres. On June 22, 1965. The Beatles set up residence at the Hotel Royal in the Place Bellecour: in June 1996, the British delegation chose the same luxury accommodation. standing between the Rhone and Saone rivers, while attending the G7 summit.

France's second city is simi-larly proud of its gastronomic expertise. Renaissance architecture and production of silk. It is also waiting, with great expectation, to host five matches in the 1998 World Cup. including one of the quarterfinals. Its preparations for a 32-country, multicultural experience of staggering propor-

tions are gathering pace. On June 3, 1997, however, Lyons entered the consciousness of a global audience of millions for another reason -

the Roberto Carlos free kick. From that moment on, in the sultry evening heat of the Rhône-Alpes, the Stude de Gerland will always be remembered as the venue for thut goal.

Roberto Carlos's sublime first-half strike from 34.6 yards in the 1-1 draw between France and Brazil on Tuesday. the opening match of the fournation Tournoi de France, produced a snake-like effect. As the ball spun off the outside of the Brazilian defender's left foot, powered to a peak of 85.2mph after his run-up of more than ten yards, it first swerved extravagantly around the defensive wall and away

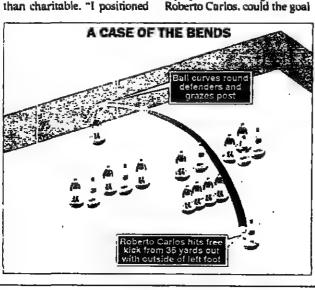
Didier Deschamps, standing helplessly on the outside of the four-strong wall, glanced backwards to track its route. He, like his team-mates, probably expected it to continue on its wayward path and take out either an advertising hoarding, stray photographer or inattentive ballboy, it did not. Having passed Deschamps.

it darted back in, elegantly, in a broad, sweeping arc. It nipped the left-hand post of Fabien Barthez, the France goalkeeper, and nestled in the net. Barthez, who had barely moved a muscle, stared in

The Frenchman was less

the wall badly," he said. "Once the ball was hit, it was too late for me. I think the goal was my fault." On reflection, he added: "it's true, it was a superb shot. It was too fast, I thought it was going out." Only after watching the

replays, from the angle behind



be fully appreciated. It got better with every viewing, such was its exquisite execution and entrancing flight. It was a thing of great beauty, an automatic entry into the

sport's hall of fame. Roberto Carlos da Silva, 24, the Real Madrid full back, is noted for his artistry and ferocity at set-pieces. "I once scored a goal like that against Roma," he said, recalling his days playing for Internazionale in Serie A. But it was during open play, not a free kick. Of course, this is an important goal in my career." It was only his second in 31 international matches.

England have the players to

match such South American dynamism. David Beckham. the Manchester United midfield player, scored a goal against Chelsea in February that was measured at 97.9mph. When David Hirst, the Sheffield Wednesday striker, hit the crossbar in the game against Arsenal in September,

was from a distance of only 14.8 yards.

Yet apart from Beckham, and perhaps Paul Gascoigne in his prime, few British performers can persuade a ball to twist, turn and swirl in mid-air, at pace, before crossing the goalline. It is a mostly Latin trait, borne of natural flair rather than constant coaching.
As Roberto Carlos wheeled

away to celebrate his marvellous expression of the beautiful game, and the mostly French supporters began to realise what they had witnessed, he ran towards the opposite end of the Stade de Gerland. Masking the temporary building site, which will disappear by the time of the World Cup, finals arrive, was a giant mural depicting the faces of 32 of the world's most distinguished players.

Didi. Garrincha. Pelé. Zico and Rivelino, the Brazilian immortals, looked down on Roberto Carlos. On June 3. 1997, in Lyons, perhaps he 114mph. His elfort, though, earned the right to join them.

## Spin doctor goes through motions

Nick Nuttall on how science played

a significant part in a ploy from Brazil

R oberto Carlos is unlikely to have studied Sir Isaac Newton, but his remarkable goal in Lyons owed much to the British physicist's third of law of motion. Dr Brian Delf, a fellow of the Institute of Physics and a confirmed sports fan, says the Brazilian set up a spin that was so finely tuned that the air on the righthand side of the ball was

pushing it back with increasing force causing it to swing in between the pusts. "Newton's third law says if you push something it pushes you back. You can see this if you push someone on ice skates or in

Dr Delf. who works at the Techniquest centre, in Cardiff, explained that when a ball is fired straight through the air, the air simply slows it down."Like Shearer's goal against Poland." he said.

space," the scientist said.

"With the Carlos goal, he hit it on the right-hand side and it was sent spinning anticlockwise. The air on the right-hand side of the ball is moving in the same direction as the ball is travelling, while the air on the left-hand side is moving the opposite direc-

"Back to Newton's third law. The ball is pushing the air to the right. This means the air is pushing the ball to the left and so it curves that

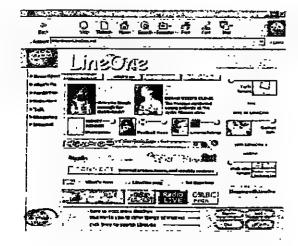
way," he said. The effect is enhanced on the left-hand side where. because of the difference in spin, the slower spin exerts a drag or pull to the left. For the audience watching the match on television, the ball seemed to curve at the last minute, but Dr Delf described this as "being in the eye of the beholder".

n reality, the ball was curving all the time but, because of the large distance from goal, the curve became increasingly sharp towards the end so that it appeared to whip

"If you had looked from above you would have seen a parabolic curve," Dr Delf said. The scientist said that explaining the physics was one thing, but understanding how Carlos scored is

unother.
"If you and I were playing around on a training pitch we might be able to get it to bend as much. But your granny would be able to pick it up before it got to the goal," he said.

"He managed to balance the speed of the ball and the amount of spin so it reached the goal going very



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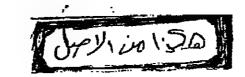
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TENNIS: RAFTER BECOMES FIRST AUSTRALIAN TO REACH LAST FOUR IN 20 YEARS

## Artistry of Arazi is eclipsed by Bruguera

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

THE French gave us deuce. but on their own courts always use the word egalite. There was little or nothing even-handed about the tennis on Centre Court yesterday, or the day before. Where Wednesday had given us six contests and great dramas, yesterday provided a safe and relatively easy passage into the men's semi-finals for Pat Rafter, the first Australian to reach this stage in 20 years, and for Sergi Bruguera, the resurgent Spaniard, who is seeking to reclaim the French Open crown that he wore in 1994 and 1995.

Rafter, using the sultry wea-ther and the relative quickness of the red clay this season, dispatched a less experienced Spanish contender. Galo Blanco, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 . . . and he employed classic, athletic, serve-and-volley Aussie tactics

Bruguera, of course, outlasted his man. For just over an hour, the beguiling though ultimately brittle Moroccan. Hicham Arazi, toyed with the emotions of the 16,000 crowd. brought Bruguera to the net. and either lobbed him or passed him with, at times, a beautifully brutal backhand.

Bruguera, a baseliner personified, probed and waited, upped the precision and the ratio of his groundstrokes and, knowing that Arazi runs out of stamina rather quicker than he runs out of improvisation, the Spaniard prevailed

4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, in 24 hours. So, on Friday, it will be a semi-final between Rafter, persevering with rushing the net, against Bruguera, sometimes brooding, always patient, attempting to pick him off from the back of the court. In the other men's semiengaging new Brazilian, Gustavo Kuerten, against Filip Dewulf, who is not only

unranked, but came through the qualifying stages.

Unless Bruguera, the No 16 seed and even then only rated at all because of injuries to others, is the champion again, we shall see only the third non-seed win this tournament, following Marcel Bernard, in 1946, and Mats Wilander, in 1982. Rafter,

Queensland.has recaptured the form that two years ago saw him compared with Pat Cash. A shoulder injury, back pain, the wrist giving way, it all seemed to accumulate as he went backwards to No 62 on the dreaded tennis computer. He is not there now, he will end this tournament in the top 20. His blood is rushing forward, in the same way that he plays his tennis.

Rafter simply overwhelmed Blanco. Rafter's service was too strong, and a solitary break enabled the Australian to take the first set. After that it was a struggle for Blanco to hold his own service games, much less to contain Rafter's, aithough with some pluck he did occasionally accurately lob the Australian.

Nevertheless, Blanco was clinging to hope rather as his shirt was clinging to his back; and French onlookers were beginning to observe that the last man to serve and volley through to the semi-finals had been Yannick Noah, who can be seen partying and singing on the stage around the French capital these nights.

So, an untroubled, somewhat undistinguished passage for Rafter. His improving game may eventually ap-proach that of Cash, but he is not the player that Tony Roche was (and Roche is a mentor to Rafter), much less a performer in the mould of Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall, who last shared the French Open final, with Laver winning, in 1969.

P Ratter (Aue) bt G Bienco (Sp) 6-3, 7-6,



Rafter did rise to the question afterwards of how much clay-court experience he has. We have a surface at home called Antbed," he said. "The big, tall ants, they make these mounds. They get it and they crush it and they make the courts out of it . . . that's about the only close thing we have back in Queensland." Was he serious? "We played on that. and hard courts and a bit of

There is no question about the surfaces on which

Bruguera learnt his game in Barcelona. His opponent yesterday, Arazi, was also raised on European clay for, although born in Casablanca. he has lived in France from the age of two. Arazi brought artistry back

to the court for a set and a half yesterday. He glides with wonderful quickness, uses the racket with the wristy subtlety of a badminton player. He invents shots, invents the game and, with a crowd remarkably well populated by Arabia was briefly brought to

entertainer

intimidated by the Spaniard's accurate length or his surly questioning of calls, Arazi did to Bruguera what he had so handsomely done to the Chilean. Marcelo Rios, in the quarter-final; he bamboozled

him. But Bruguera knows more about the game than any man left in the tournament. He chipped away with relentless accuracy, he broke Arazi in the second and eighth games, and he imposed himself. 6-3, in the second set. Egalite, but from there on. Arazi began to weaken, and how sweet the groans of effort must sound to a stayer like

Bruguera saw off his opponent with scarcely another chance. Today, with rain forecast, the ladies are on court - first Martina Hingis

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

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## Jovial sidekick ready to lead the parade



looked a daunting prospect.
Two years on. Bradford coach, who specialises in turn-Bulls, runaway leaders of the Super League, have become ing round unfashionable causes. Ellion was the loyal the great white hopes for European rugby league on the global stage offered by the attendant and jovial sidekick. who has earned respect this world club championship. Penrith, first up for the season for completing the transformation.

Odsal experience next Mon-At St George, he is rememday night, are in for a culture bered as the committed second-row forward whose career was curtailed at its shock. "No side can prepare themselves for that carnival atmosphere. It'll surprise the height by injury. He was appointed by Smith to the coaching staff and dispatched Australians, just as it's sur-prised a few British teams." Ellion said. "It's amazed me, to Bradford as his advance too. There were nights shortly after I arrived when we'd be getting bashed, there were less than 5,000 in and the fog

Visa invests in world

club championship

Auckland bristle with talented

individuals and will select

from a squad of 19. Matthew

Ridge, the full back and New Zealand team captain, who

enjoyed a 3-0 series white-

wash of Great Britain last

year, said that the world club

championship was now the club's priority after only three

Andrew Ettingshausen, the

Cronulla and Australia

centre, who spent the early

part of his career at Leeds.

said: "I don't think there's

going to be a lot in the

Wigan have warned Aus-

tralian Rugby League (ARL)

clubs to stay away from Jason

Robinson during their first

phase of matches in Australia.

remains hopeful that a deal

binson is ready to move to

league wins.

Bradford are confident of crowds in excess of 20,000 and to gross a total £600,000 for the Penrith game and those against Auckland and Cronulla. With an average 15,000 attendance this season, their boast about being the best supported rugby club in Europe — of either code — is not an idle one. In the shadow

THE eleventh-hour search for

a sponsor for the world club

championship ended just as

the European launch began yesterday at Huddersfield, with a hurried announcement

that Visa, the credit company.

has put in a substantial invest-

ment to help to offset estimat-

ed £2 million operational

costs. Total prize-money, in-

cluding £500,000 to the win-

St Helens, who ended a

miserable run of defeats away

to Halifax last Sunday, de-

spite missing ten first-team

players, will be closer to full

strength for the opening

match against Auckland War-

riors at Knowsley Road tomorrow. Frank Endacott,

the Auckland coach, said: "I

ners, exceeds £1.1 million.

meant you couldn't see the

othe side of the pitch."

WHIPPING boys to world

domination was neither the

fanciful or fantastic notion

apparent when Matthew El-liott first rolled up at Odsal

from Sydney St George, From millionaire's row to cardboard city, the rebuilding work alone



Ellion said: "It was a case of moving from the penthouse down to the basement at Bradford, but I was never downhearted. What has happened here didn't occur by accident. A lot was down to Brian's astute business sense.

The sale of Paul Newlove to St Helens was the catalyst. We got seven quality players for one. The players who were here couldn't match the ambition we had. The only ones we're looking for now are

young up-and-comers."

Along with Mick Potter and Brian Noble, his assistant coaches, Ellion has been poring over video footage of Penrith this week. He is convinced that standards in Australia have dipped, as a consequence of separate Super League and Australian Rugby League competitions, while standards here have apprecia-bly increased. Restored to full fitness, Elliott is confident that Bradford can not only do well. but win the competition and its £500,000 prize.

"It's difficult to say how the English sides will do overall, because there's simply been no bench mark in recent times. But I've noticed big improvements, while going from 14 to 22 teams in Australia in a short time has brought a big dilution of talent," he said. "There's still an attitude in Australia that they have superior quality players. That's not my attitude. Some of the teams there are taking this venture seriously. Not all of them.

though.

With Karl Fairbank, who used to be at Bradford, we recently picked a Great Britain side that would not just be competitive against Australia. It would win. With our best side available, we've a very good chance. These next three weeks will take our performance to a new level, allow us to pit our skills and expertise against reputedly the best teams in the world, identify the ARL next month, but Eric our strengths and pinpoint areas to work on. By then. hopefully, one or two more

#### To be honest, the excitement by Iva Majoli, the Croatian, through a bad patch, so I'm Women and anticipation of Arazi's against Amanda Coetzer, the pleased to be getting them at Hughes, the Wigan coach, own people was shared by South African. The first ladies' Singles the right time. Although bottom of the can be done to keep the Great Quarter-linais many neutrals; not that we semi-final would, in an equal M (Horges (Sente) bit A Sanchez-Vicano (Sp. 6-2, 6-2 world, be the final this year. wish any ill to Bruguera, but Australasian Super League. Britain wing at Central Park. simply because we crave to be Doubles lifted from our seats by an M J Fernandez and L Raymond (US) bi L Neiland (Lat) and H Sulpova (Cz) 6-2, 6-3 M Hinge (Switz) and A Sánchez Vicano (Sol-ta Y Bacule (Inde) and C Vis (Holl) 7-8, 7-5 For the first set, won 6-4 in SHEEHAN on BRIDGE 39 minutes by Arazi, we had our fill. Refusing to be



**Dealer East** 

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When you have two key cards to knock out in a No-Trump contract, it can be right to hold up with two stoppers in the suit that the defence attacks. This is an example, from an American charity event. Most of the field reached Three No-Trumps on a heart lead, and had to decide the best way forward.

Love all

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This is the classic position for a hold-up. If hearts splits 4-3, it is irrelevant whether you win the first or second round, but,

as the cards lie, look what happens if you take the first heart and drive out the ace of spades (if you lead the king of clubs, West will duck). When East takes the ace of spades and returns the jack of hearts, West will overtake and can clear the suit while retaining the ace of clubs as an entry. When spades fail to divide.

you have only eight tricks.
. However, if you duck the first heart and win the second in hand, East will have no hearts left when you drive out section on Saturday.

his ace. That makes the difference between a undertrick and an overtrick

Match-pointed pairs

☐ The first Mind Sports Olympiad will be held at the Royal Festival Hall. London. from August 18 to 24. There are more than 30 different events; card games include bridge and gin rummy, and among the board games are backgammon, three types of chess. Go. and Scrabble. Inquiries to David Levy on

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Bradford."

By RAYMOND KEENE

Madrid results The elite tournament in Madrid finished in a tie for first prize between Veselin Topa-

lov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, and Alexei Shirov, the Spanish (formerly Larvian) grandmaster. Topslov led from the start, but a final spurt by Shirov allowed him to tie on 612/9. A play-off match of three games resulted in three drawn games, therefore Topalov was declared winner on tie-break, since he had triumphed against Shirov in their individual game in the

In spite of this, Shirov's attractive and risky style made him a favourite with chess enthusiasts. This game, against Valery Salov, is typical of Shirov's stormy style.

White: Alexei Shirov Black: Valery Salov Madrid, May 1997

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15 c3

16 Be4

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After 29, ... Kxg7; 30, Rg1+ forces mate or wins the black

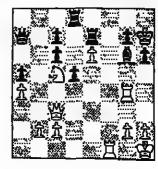
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WINNING MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Weeramantry - Trabert. Hawaii, 1997. The white knight and e-pawn are an extremely strong unit and together tie up the black forces. It is, therefore, not surprising that White can score a quick win on the kingside. Can you



# Bruguera: won in four sets FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 9
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Montreal 1

BOWLS

BALDOCK: Inter-county competition Harbordshire 119 Surrey 115

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of lour) Kiddermanster: Somerset 463-7 (J1 D Kerr 86 C M Wells 74, 5 Herzberg 65, R D Sutton 65 not out)

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Oram 4-32) Notinghamshire 166-1, Notinghamshire beel Derbyshire by six wide.
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by two runs.

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BREWERS CUP: First round: Old
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Aldenhamans 308, Old Bloybamists 309-6,
Old Johnsens 298, Old Leightonians 141

CYCLING

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Y Kalelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bit K Brassch and J Knippschild (Ger) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 Y Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt FL bach and J Stark (US) 6-2, 7-6 L Arnold and D Orsanic (Arg) bt T Carbonell and F Rolg (Sp) 4-6, 6-4,

Tuesday's late results

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Singles

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Quarier-linels

Morley), Magic Roque (G Parsonage); Coral Cove (P Phillips); Finstone Iv (R Powell), Kiculen Bay (J-P Sheffield); The Frenchman II (N Taylort; Last of the Incas (E Wasson) Bally Free (J Yeo)

FOOTBALL

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

S Bruguera (Sp.) 5t H Araza (Mon) 4-6. 6-3, 6-2, 6-2

**RESULTS FROM PARIS** 

7-5 Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Bola) bt N Arendi (US) and M Bollegral (Holl) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3 A Fusal mot N Tauzon (Fr) bt C Martines (Sp) and P Tarsbre (Arg) 6-2, 6-4

BOYS COUBLES: First round: ( Bates and D Sherwood (GB) bt J Garda-Smas and G Platet (Sp) 6-0, 6-3

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REAL TENNIS PARRS: Coupe Gould-Edgy. Jau de Peume: Final: J Acheson-Gray and R Lavison (GB) bi D Grozdenovitch and G Ruauti (Fr) 6-3, 5-8, 6-5, 6-2

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP: St Helens 37 Featherstone 20

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By Philip Howard

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## Taylor defiant as critics mount relentless assault

more imagined friend, joining the queue to destroy him. And. being the man he is, he picked himself up, pulled on the trusty green cap and fronted up to an inquisitive, even predatory world with dignity,

Whatever Mark Taylor may have become since English cricket last encountered him, he has not stopped being a good bloke. It is for this reason that he is receiving a sympathetic audience here amid his toils, and why the majority of the country would be happy to see him score 50 at Edgbaston today, so long as it came in an Australian total of 96 all out.

Taylor's batting form has collapsed. This much is certain. His captaincy is suffering and his standing in the Australia dressing-room is no longer unquestioned. It must sometimes seem that his world is falling apart, yet still there is no public sign of resentment, much less of the weeping retreat favoured by one of his predecessors.

Taylor, chin jutting characteristically, will stride out with Michael Atherton this morning, the captains in role reversal. England's man has never been more secure, while his Australian counterpart knows he is one bad match from the end of the line. Atherton, quite rightly, revels in any consequent disruption of the opposition plans, but he bridles at mockery of Taylor.

The cheap and tacky trick played by a tabloid newspaper last week, ambushing Taylor



with a three-foot wide bat, was beneath contempt. More pertinent are the growing calls for his dismissal from former captains of Australia, the latest being Bobby Simpson, who coached the team until a year

Atherton has had his fill of gamekeepers turning poachers in this way. The cheque book speaks loudly to former players or officials with an axe to grind and the England captain has never cared for it. "I take no pleasure at all from media pressure on the Australian captain," he said. "I have been through it myself too often to enjoy someone else's suffering.

That Taylor has suffered is plain enough. Even this patient, affable, eminently approachable man has frayed around the edges in recent weeks as the scrutiny has intensified. "It's too much to say I've gone through hell, but it certainly hasn't been a pleasant time," he said assessingly. "That's why I am looking forward to the cricket starting so that everyone has something else to talk about."

In this, he might be mistaken, for the harshest of spotlights will not be diverted just yet. Whether he is brave or simply bloody-minded, Taylor will shut his ears to the malcontents and play today but, when it comes to his turn to bat, the drums will metaphorically roll. Fail, he well knows, and the next flight home will seem an attractive

Taylor, however, has a message for those who hound him, particularly the former



Slater, left, and Ponting have been denied chances

players. "These people are damaging the prospects of the side by what they are saying. They must know that," he said. "Some of the things said and written about me have got very personal. That's just the way it is these days. You have to be thick-skinned as Australian captain.'

Simpson worked closely with Taylor through the first year of his captaincy and it was hardly a timely interven-tion on behalf of an old workmate fallen on hard times to say: "By backing Taylor so strongly, the selectors have not faced up to reality. Now the team is in a

Taylor has grown accus-torned to such gibes, so much so that he hesitates to pick up a newspaper for fear of discovering another old ally turning against him. He can be saddened by it, though no longer surprised. His recent batting record - 153 runs in nine Test innings against West Indies and South Africa — is dire, and he has shown few signs on this tour of rediscovering touch and technique.

In his measured way he defended his position. "I am not the only selector on tour." he said. "It has been a commit-tee decision that I should play in every game, while we try to arrive at our best Test side. Because of the short build-up, this inevitably means that others have suffered." Specifically, Michael Slater and Ricky Ponting have been

victims of the grand obsession to restore Taylor's form. Within an over-large party of 17, there has not been sufficient cricket for them to even make Though he is indirectly to plame. Taylor expresses public sympathy for the pair. In private, he has gone into the situation in more detail and invited Slater and Ponting, in turn, to discussions in his hotel room in Derby over the

Tve spoken to them both individually," he said yesterall of this, the support of the other players has been paramount to me." So long as that continues to hold, Taylor will survive. If the cracks show in the next few days, he will no longer he able to resist the clamour of celebrity execut-



Taylor in the nets at Edgbaston yesterday where he continued the struggle to regain his elusive form on the eve of the first match of the series

## Pitch must hit exactly the right note

n view of what has happened since, it seems hardly believable that a bare ten years ago I wrote of England's defeat at Sydney in the last Test match of their 1986-87 tour of Australia as being "in a good cause".

Mike Gatting's side had already reclaimed the Ashes and, after 14 successive Tests without a victory. Australia were so thankful to have broken the spell that in their dressing-room afterwards there were, quite literally, tears of relief.

When, at the time, I told the estimable and now venerable Gatting that Australia's need was much greater than England's, he would have none of it, and that was as it should have been. For two years, though, Australia had been through just as difficult a time as England have recently and come in for at least as much

Today, af Edgbaston, they lauded Test side in the world, and the main reason for that is not that they have a host of very good batsmen, which they do, nor that their domestic cricket set-up is more advantageous than England's, which may or may

obligatorily aggressive. It is because they have the dimate and the playing conditions to have found, first in Craig McDermott and then in Shane Warne, bowlers to win them more than the occasional Test match and to give them the confidence that comes

from doing so.
In winning the three one-day matches for the Texaco Trophy, England played their most convincing and encouraging cricket for a long time. They made their chances and took them, raising hopes thereby and greatly boosting morale. The hard work starts this morning, however. Test matches are not about stopping the opposition from scoring at more than five runs an over. They are about temperament and stamina and, ultimately, about bowling sides out, not once but twice, which brings us back to Warne and on to McGrath and Gillespie and to the England attack.

say so, but Warne no longer looks to me to be quite the wonderful bowler that he was in England four years ago and in the first two Tests of England's last tour of Australia. No wrist spinner ever sot gland's, which may or may as much work on the ball as not be so, nor that they are he has in his time without his

JOHN WOODCOCK



Test match commentary

shoulder playing him up; and quite apart from that he has had a worrying operation on one of his spinning fingers. He is still very good and accurate enough to take a lot of taming but I am not sure that he has the nerve nor the did or that he makes the hall hum in the air anymore.

For all that, and despite their setbacks of the past fortnight, it is easier to imagine Australia bowling England out twice than the other way round. Without being in the class of Miller and

Lindwall or Lillee and Thomson or Wasim and Waqar, McGrath and Gillespie are a fiery and fast-improving opening pair, and Warne still poses a real threat. England will be more dependent upon finding conditions to help them in the way they used to do before they were obliged to play their home Test matches on covered pitches. In the days, that is, when Tests in England were played in traditionally English conditions. We could afford then to

frown upon countries that doctored their pitches to suit their bowlers. Now England are in a moral dilemma, knowing that unless they try to do the same, albeit modestly, they are likely, much more often than not, to be a long time in the field. Australia's captain will know that in the ordinary way a covered Eng-lish Test oitch and a standard England Test attack would provide him with the best of ending his present misery. His batting average in the two Test series that he has played here vouches for that: it is 63. At their best, Gough,

Caddick, Malcolm and Croft are all first-rate bowlers, as competent as many who have played successfully for

England. If the Ashes are to be regained, though, they will need something less than entirely bland to bowl on and, with this in view, the belp of the Test groundsmen is being canvassed more openly than country. This, I think, is a pity. carries obvious risks by making matches easier to lose, against Australia anyway, as well as possibly easier to win.

whitake century fails to spire si

he Edgbaston authori-ties are said to have been asked for "a slow, seaming surface". though reports suggest that they have not been seduced. Those at Lord's certainly will not be. As things stand this morning, with the Australians so concerned with, and unsettled by, the form of their cantain. England would probably be best served by a really good pitch - one that distribopposite, in fact, of a "slow. green, seaming surface".

But, come what may, what fun it is to have the old enemy here again and to see them just a little harassed, just a little less convinced of their precedence than when they

## Robinson soldiers on to keep Surrey waiting

THE OVAL (first day of four: Essex won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 347 runs

SURREY may have been lacking a number of prime assets - Stewart, Thorpe. Adam Hollioake and Mark Butcher on Test duty. Saglain on his way from Pakistan and, at the eleventh hour, Martin Bicknell with a recently ricked neck - but had it not been for a patient and far from chanceless 98 from Darren Robinson, they would have gobbled up Essex, themselves without Prichard and Hussain, well before tea.

highest score for Essex since 1995, falling two runs short of a century during a stay of 44 hours. In the face of useful contributions from Stephen Peters and Robert Rollins, Surrey were kept in the field throughout a long, hot day. It was a long day, too. Frequent injections of Ian Salisbury's leg breaks brought little succour to those who chafe at the bit and wonder why 612 hours is not long enough for 104 overs to be bowled. Not that the Oval does not suit

Surrey's array of seam bowlers. Pace and bounce in the pitch were most evident when Tudor. Lewis and Ben Hollioake were propelling. Essex had lost four wickets for 103 by lunch and

As it was, Robinson made his had looked most uncomfortable while stumbling even to that humble foothill. By then, Robinson, labour-ing in the shadow of Gooch, had made an uncertain 24.

Sometimes persistence pays, however. Gooch accumulated four fours off Tudor before being bowled by a break-back when on the back foot; Grayson and Stuart Law were both caught at second slip; Irani was speared by a beautiful, in-slanting yorker from Hollioake: Robinson soldiered on.

Robinson found a useful partner in young Peters, playing in only his sixth championship match, but already the possessor of two first-class centuries. There is something of

when Peters is at the crease. Yesterday, he coped well with the quick stuff, though occasionally beaten outside the off stump, and he helped Robinson at 104 in 27 overs before he failed to read Salisbury's googly to which, he will remember, the cut is not the wisest stroke.

Meanwhile. Robinson, dropped on 37 by Jamie Knott and then at long leg off a sitter, when 75, ploughed steadily on, hitting the bad ball hard for most of his 15 fours and defending stolidly. There was little he could do. though, with the ball from Tudor which lifted and left him late. Knott took his first championship catch well and followed with another when

By then, Surrey had lost their edge and their chance of cashing in. Rollins stroked his way to a halfcentury from 76 balls and the Essex tail, chiefly in the shape of Ashley Cowan, wagged ferociously. Hott and Cowan added 51 for the ninth wicket as Cowan crashed 38 from 37 balls. including an enormous six off Salisbury.

There was just time for Surrey's innings to get under way. Further disappointment was avoided when Bicknell and Ratcliffe remained intact, but it was a day Surrey will remember most for the one that got

## Lenham adds life to soulless day

By DEREK HODGSON

day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 314 for seven wickets against Durham

possiby embroidered by Neville Cardus, when Sussex batted at Hove during the Golden Age, and Fry and Ranji were at the wicket, the rest of the team spent the day on the beach. If the present team was found on the beach, the Brighton public would probably assume they had been washed

This match is, according to a man from Sunderland, who should know, a "relegation six-pointer", and most pundits would agree that these clubs, with Hampshire, are leaders in the race to finish last. The lack, therefore, of both invention and enterprise, on both

sides, was surprising. Durham chose an attack of five medium or fast-medium seamers, the only variation being Simon Brown's left-arm line. Riverside is a big ground, the pitch is chalk white and looks as though it might offer a little help by Friday, if it did live up to its reputation and remain bland, then surely a spinner might try to buy a few wickets?

Sussex, in turn, meandered through most of the day, giving the Durham bowling, with its generous estimate of the height and width of the stumps, a false but growing confidence.

Only Neil Lenham, perhaps grateful for a tuning-up at Oxford, truly took advantage while his partner. Keith Greenfield, with 22 runs from 28 overs, had Sussex supporters wishing that Bill Athey would come in to speed up the proceedings.

The dressing-room would almost certainly respond by pointing out that, while there

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first was a fair amount of loose stuff on offer, each Durham bowler gave 100 per cent in effort and there was a little lingering doubt that the Lumley end was not all it was cracked up to be.

David Boon, who could have appeared in any playing picture of Fry and Ranji looking exactly in place, lost the toss for the fifth time in six championship matches, yet remains an engaging optimist. He persisted with three slips and a gully until tea and leans forward, at second slip, as if expecting every next ball to take a wicket. Battered as his bowlers might be, they will relish such support.

Sussex had just begun to pick up pace when Greenfield. encouraged by variations in length, went to pull Mike Foster and top-edged to the

Neil Taylor was unwrapping shots when defending against Walker, he edged behind, the first hint of movement at the Lumley end. Lenham, deserving a century. was on 93 off 174 balls. including 15 fours, when he tried to turn the persevering Brown and was leg-before.

among the best; his self-confidence is untouched, yet in 18 overs to tea he managed only 21 runs for the loss of Keith Newell, bowled by a ball that kept low, another reason

for caution. Any criticism might be called churlish; he was averaging 74. His departure, 12 overs later, was the surprise: he was fencing against Mel Betts, Durham went up for the catch. Athey stood defiant until Chris Balderstone, the

umpire, raised his finger. Mike Newell produced two hearty square cuts before the Sussex tail wriggled, rather than wagged.

## Bowen discovers rich seam

By James Allen

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 226 for nine wickets against Nottingham-NOTTINGHAMSHIRE con-

tinue to defy expectations. The salutary experience of losing to Kent inside three days has evidently not dented the spirit that helped them successfully negotiate the first month of championship cricket and yesterday very much belonged to No one personified their

determination more than

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Mark Bowen, whose performance was the stuff of dreams. He finished with figures of five for 52, having done the bulk of the damage before lunch. Of the 32 overs bowled in the morning, he delivered 15, swinging the ball away from the right-hander with admirable control. His four wickets came at a cost of only 27 runs. It was outstand-

At 29, he is enjoying the most rewarding weeks of a first-class career that began at /antage Road. He received a generous hand at lunchtime, the acclaim all the sweeter on what was once his home ground. Discarded by Northamptonshire in 1995, he made a new beginning at Trent Bridge last year and took II wickets against Derbyshire

last month. He can expect plenty more hard labour this summer as Nottinghamshire's bowling resources are limited, the more so since Nathan Astle, the New Zealander, has replaced Mohammad Zahid, the Pakistan fast bowler, as their overseas player. Yesterday Astle's respectable medium pace accounted for Sales, but

is for his batting that Nottinghamshire have signed

Tolley backed up Bowen well, prizing out Curran and Snape, Curran's departure started a calamitous period for Northamptonshire in which they lost four wickets for 14 runs in 13 overs.

The resistance of David Ripley, who made 77 in just over four hours, could not have been more timely. Murmurs of discontent could be heard around the ground when he emerged with the score at 69 for six. Nearly two hours later, the applause that greeted his half-century was tinged with relief.

Such was Nottinghamshire's desperation to finish the job as the evening wore on, and Emburey frustrated them further, that Johnson used an

eighth bowler in Archer. It was apt, though, that Bowen broke the stand, collecting his fifth wicket in the first over of his fifth spell when he uprooted Emburey's off stump. Had Archer been able to hold on to the hardest of chances at slip, when Ripley had made 30, it would have

## Rollins rallies after poor run

CHESTERFIELD (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 361 for seven wickets against Hamp-

SOME of the more constructive assessments of Mark Taylor and his absence of runs have agreed that his fortune could turn with a single piece of luck at the appropriate time.

The same is true for any batsman feeling the strain of poor form and when, at the end of September, Adrian Rollins reflects upon the season, he may recall an incident in the first over here yesterday as that moment. Rollins had scored just 51

runs in his seven champion-ship innings and could feel with some annoyance that his record was about to read 51 in eight after being sent back by Kim Barnett having pushed Bovill into the covers. The throw was poor, though, and Rollins scrambled back before Aymes could break the wicket. He proceeded to record the sixth hundred of his career and provide the backbone of a sizeable firstinnings total in a fashion that

By RICHARD HOBSON offered no clues to explain his

previous discomfort. While Rollins played the longest and most appropriate innings of the day, the most entertaining passage of play occurred with Chris Adams at the crease. In the morning. Adams had issued a public apology for his show of dis-sent last Sunday, when he stood his ground after being adjudged leg-before, and an-nounced that he will not, after all, initiate proceedings to overturn the £750 fine im-

posed by Derbyshire. "I believe the incident was a completely unique situation



Rollins: sixth hundred

which occurred only out of total confusion," Adams said. Quite what is unique about a batsman feeling aggrieved with a decision is difficult to understand, but his contrition, albeit belated, may spare him further censure when the

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pirc's report in due course.

Adams's 79 yesterday took 94 minutes and featured !! fours and a six over long-on off Udal. Finally, he met a wide ball from Renshaw with a firm, but ill-timed, slash which Udal, at second slip, diverted to Hayden, at first. It was easy to overlook

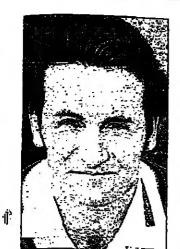
Rollins during the second-wicket stand of 124 in 24 overs with Adams, but his punched driving off the back foot soon began to command approval. The pitch proved harmless and so, largely, did a bowling attack in which Udal offered the only alternative to seam. Cassar laboured for 15 overs

to produce just two scoring shots, but Clarke, bowled through the gate by Renshaw. Krikken, turned around by James, and DeFreitas batted around Rollins, who resumes today on 151.



CRICKET: FAST BOWLERS CAUSE HAVOC AS 21 WICKETS FALL IN COURSE OF HECTIC AND BEWILDERING DAY AT TAUNTON

# Pitch cleared after Shine polishes off Lancashire



Shine: repeat performance

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TAUNTON (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 61 runs behind Somerset

THERE has been some extraordinary cricket over the years in matches involving Somerset and Lancashire. Four, in fact, have finished inside a day. Lancashire win-ning them all — at Manchester in 1892, 1894 and 1925, and Bath in 1953 when poor old Bertie Buse was having his benefit.

It is hard to believe, however, that any of them were quite as inexplicable as this one. Lancashire, who went in to bat just as the sun was burning the last of the mist off the

Quantocks, were bowled out for 88 in 22 overs and one ball. Then Somerset, having cruised to 113 for one, lost their last nine wickets for 76.

With 21 wickets falling in the day, the umpires were obliged to notify Lord's of the strange goings-on, yet not even Nigel Plews, a former detective sergeant, could find any suspicions circumstances. Certainly there was nothing wrong with the

It was an odd, muddy colour, when the covers were taken off and it did change its complexion during the day. But that does not explain why Kevin Shine, of Somerset, Kevin Shine took seven for 43 and Lancashire's Peter Martin and Glenn Chapple responded with four wickets

Perhaps Day Whatmore, the Laneashire coach, provided the answer when he talked about bad batting and decent bowling, although that was faint praise for Shine who could never have bowled better in his nine seasons shared between Hampshire, Middlesex and now Somerset. If he is ever to seek a fourth county, Lanca-shire would probably oblige. They have not forgotten how he took a career best eight for 47, including a hat-trick, for Hampshire against them at Old Trafford in 1992.

The Lancashire batsmen did give him every encouragement. Gallian hit his second ball to square leg. where Burns dived forward to take a fine catch and both Titchard and McKeown, the replacements for Atherton and Crawley, went back when they should have been forward and were pinned leg-before.

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Van Troost, playing his first championship match of the season. got into the act when Lloyd, perhaps surprised to find the ball so close to him, tried to cut and was caught behind before Shine produced the delivery of the day to extract Fairbrother's middle stump.

Watkinson tried to hit his way out of trouble, with 33 off 44 balls, but then he drove Rose to mid-off and with Shine removing Austin. Hegg and Martin and Rose getting Chapple caught behind first ball, the Lancashire innings was over in a shorter time than any in the championship for two years.

It looked as though Somerset might go the same way when Martin

edges, but after Lathwell had been caught at second slip. Bowler and Holloway settled into a second-wicket partnership of 79 which showed that there was nothing for good batsmen to worry about.

Then Martin found the right length to claim Holloway and Hard-en leg-before with successive balls and Chapple slipped into the mode that brought him six for 18 in last year's NatWest Trophy final, so that despite some lusty blows from Parsons and Mushtag, the Somerset lead was restricted to 101. There was still time for Van Troost to force Gallian to retire hurt after a blow on the fingers and Rose to bowl McKeown before Lancashire ended at 40 for

### Lord's told as wickets tumble on pitch with two paces

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

HEADINGLEY (first day of toss): Yorkshire, with four first-innings wickets in hand. are 78 runs behind Glouc-

GLOUCESTERSHIRE, a lofty second in the championship table, still have no individual century-maker in the competition, though morally, Monte Lynch deserved one. Lynch, with typical, refreshing freedom of strokeplay in the context of this attritional game, made 60, with 13 fours. from 37 balls.

Mastery over this curious two-paced pitch, on which 16 wickets tumbled to eight different bowlers, was inevitably transient. The odd ball misbehaved and bounced steeply off length, notably to Michael Vaughan. He suffered a cracked bone in the left wrist after being struck by Michael Smith and could be absent for three weeks. As per regulations when 15 or more wickets fall in a day, the umpires, John Hampshire and Trevor Jesty. notified Lord's.

Some deliveries kept low. but the most mortal wounds were to batsmen's ego. With two successive wins and a nine-place rise to seventh. Yorkshire went from the elation of bowling out the opposition for 205 to deflation. Smith. fast left-arm, diminutive and with a hustling run reminis-cent of Barry Stead, a fellow Yorkshire exile of yesteryear, dismissed David Byas and Darren Lehmann in the first three balls after tea, condemning later batsmen, notably Richard Blakey, to an evening of hard labour. Byas was athletically caught

at cover point by Tim Hancock, having ventured a stroke to square leg and Lehmann edged a catch to first slip two

Such misadventures were vividly familiar to Gloucestershire, though the diligent Nick Trainor weathered 129 balls in making 40 before being sixth out at 152.Trainor succumbed to a turning ball from Richard Stemp, who also crept through Hancock's bat and pad defence.

Every collapse invariably involves a run out and Jack Russell, the batsman most likely to thrive in these difficult circumstances, was the victim, beaten by Vaughan's throw to the non-striker's end.

Gloucestershire, having lunched at 125 for 3 with Trainor on 30, lost their last seven wickets for 80 in 100 minutes, Lynch having already cut a ball from Gavin Hamilton into gully's hands. having been dropped on 44 by Byas at second slip.

Lynch dominated a third wicket partnership of 78 with Trainor. Hamilton, Trainor. deputising for Darren Gough. on Test duty, had the tonic of dismissing Rob Cunliffe with

Gloucestershire's tail came quietly, as if gently tapped on the shoulder by the venomous Yorkshire attack. Martyn Ball was the exception, following the Lynch philosophy with 35 from 33 balls. It was just another ingredient in an en-

## Whitaker's century fails to inspire side

BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 267 for seven wickets against

THIS game is proving less exciting in reality than it promised to be on paper. The third-placed team in the championship visiting fourthplaced: last year's champions versus the champions of 1993: everything augured well. But this was a day on which the sun shone, but not the cricket.

For two sessions, it was colourless stuff, Middlesex's attack bowling, in the main, tightly on a pitch which had quite a bit in it for all of them, Leicestershire, thoroughly efficient as always, doing their best to grit it out and wait for better times. These duly hove into view late in the day, with James Whitaker, their redoubtable captain, at the

Whitaker scored 108 not out in his side's 267 for seven and will be well satisfied with his own day's work, if not especially with that of his side. Without him, they would be in a sorry mess now, though it remains to be seen how Middlesex fare on this pitch. Though they are high in the

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table, Leicestershire have yet to find their stride this season. Whitaker himself was in no sort of form in the championship before this game and the harder he works for his runs the better he likes it. He had never scored a first-class hundred at Lord's before and when it came, late in the last session after he had been at the crease four and a half hours, he greeted it with arms

raised high. Fraser, who finished with four wickets, was a handful on a pitch with pace and bounce, Hewitt backed him up well. while Tufnell, who did not appear until the 45th over, constantly fretted away at the hatemen's confidence and conceded 32 runs in his 26 overs. But Whitaker waited patiently

for the loose stuff and, in the case of Johnson, did not wait in vain. Ramprakash kept bringing his third seamer back and Whitaker kept cutting him for four.

Johnson did not fail to leave his mark, though. In his second over after lunch, he dropped the ball on a good length, got it to lift, and it rapped Smith on the small finger of his left hand, a finger he broke during pre-season training in South Africa, delaying his season by three weeks. Smith threw his bat down sharply and immediately knew it was a bad blow. Sure enough, X-rays later confirmed another break.

Smith had scored 23 when he retired, at a time when Leicestershire were looking to push on after limiting the damage well during the morning. With the ball moving around off the pitch, Wells and Maddy deserved credit for surviving as long as they did, though both fell in the second hour. Wells taken well by Ramprakash at backward point. Maddy the victim of Fraser's best ball of the

After that, Whitaker, whom captaincy is making into the player he should have been ten years ago, was disappointed by a succession of partners. Johnson stayed an hour and then threw away his wicket, cutting idly into the hands of point; Habib played elegantly. as he always will, before tamely driving a return catch to Weekes; and Nixon was bowled by a ball pushed through by Tufnell. Even Parsons batted an hour, but made only five.

That said, Middlesex remained purposeful under their new leader, Ram-prakash, whose early style is definitely sorto voce. He still fields away from the wicket, Gatting still does all the barking, and he still lets Gatting put his car in the captain's parking space behind the pavilion.



Penney, Warwickshire's top scorer with 84 in a first-innings total of 314, flicks Phillips away on the leg side at Tunbridge Wells yesterday

## Thompson finds cure for Kent's ailment

BY IVO TENNANT

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Kent, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 284 runs behind Warwickshire

AN AZURE day at the Nevill,

birdsong in the air, the rhododendrons banked in full bloom. Apart from a new roof on the Bluemantles stand, the ground has hardly changed since Frank Woolley's day.

The corresponding champ-ionship match here last year finished in two days, but these conditions, which Warwickshire's batsmen did not utilise as they might have done, were co-existent with the setting. On a flat pitch, Warwick-

shire, who won the toss, were bowled out for 314. This after Moles and Knight had made

73 in the first 14 overs and Penney and Ostler added 87 with some ease for the fourth wicket against a Kent attack that lost McCague early on. After he had bowled just five overs, he retired for the day with a sore hip. There was something poignant about this happening just as a Test series was about to

Kent were also without Headley, who is injured, Ealham, with England, and, Patel, out for the season. Much of their bowling was entrusted to Thompson, who can play such first-team cricket as he is given in the sure knowledge that, as a qualified doctor, he has a long-term career to fall back on. He finished with five wickets, swinging the ball initially and

giving away fewer runs once

he had broken the opening partnership. Only last week. Warwick-

shire were knocked out of the Benson and Hedges Cup by Kent at Canterbury. Then, Donald strained his back, an injury from which he has still to recover. Giles, too, was missing yesterday. In these kind of conditions, a decent total was needed to give a weakened attack some suc-COUT.

A total, say, of 400, or even more. Mike Denness, who, among many other roles, oversees the state of pitches around the country, was casting an eye over the ground on which he received his county cap all those years ago. Today, he will be closely monitoring what is happening at

It has been mooted that

Knight, as well as needing to find greater form, has a technical weakness outside off stump. He was out pushing forward in that region, taken at first slip off Thompson, but not before he had driven and played off his legs with some aplomb. Moles, in form after all his runs at Southampton, pulled and drove with glee.

There were eight fours in his 42 and, although he ap-peared constrained by the dismissals of Knight and Hemp, his misjudgment of Fleming's first straight ball was quite unexpected.

Ostler and Penney then put together the kind of partner

ship which suggested that a sizeable total would be forthcoming. It was ended by a sharp catch at gully by Ward off Thompson, who looks to

### Black's hopes of world success rise

IN BRIEF

ROGER BLACK'S prospects of victory in the 400 metres at the world athletics championships in Athens this summer advanced yesterday with news that there was little "realistic hope" that Michael Johnson would recover from injury in time to secure his place in the US team (David Powell

Olympic 400 metres champion, suffered a quadricep pull in his 150 metres one-to-one challenge with Donovan Bailev in Toronto on Sunday. • Paul Edwards, the British shot putter serving a four-year suspension after failing a drugs test and who is seeking early reinstatement claiming restraint of trade under Euro pean law, had his case in the London High Court ad-

☐ Cycling: Yvonne McGregor will try to regain the world Ihr record, held by Jeannie Longo. of France, over 48.159kms, at Manchester on June 18.

tomorrow.

☐ Tennis: Jim Courier, the former world No I, has accepted a wild card into the Nottingham Open from June

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have added a yard of pace this

He collected, also, the wick-

ets of Edmond and Small,

tailenders who were starting

to make too many runs for

Kent's liking. Strang had a

lengthy, rather flat bowl for a

leg spinner, and perhaps as a

consequence had only the

wicket of Brown to show for

it. In Patel's absence, Kent are

inevitably short of spin, which

meant that Llong was given

He dismissed Penney, al-

eight overs in the afternoon.

though the shot was a poor

one. Two runs short of his

best score of the season, he

picked out Phillips at mid-on.

Smith then went to the first

ball of the next over, leg-

before to Phillips. Of the three

catches Wells took at first slip,

one, to remove Edmond, was

season.

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### YESTERDAY'S SCORBOARDS

#### Britannic Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Hampshire CHESTERFIELD (first day of four Hamp-shire won loss). Derbyshire have scored 361 for seven wickets against Hampshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 

Total (7 wikis, 104 overs) \_\_\_\_ A J Hams and K J Dean to bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-130, 3-146, 4-175, 5-248, 6-297, 7-360 175, 5-248, 6-297, 7-390 BOWLING: BOVII 16-2-59-1; Renshaw 20-5-52-3; Mescerentras 12-0-65-0; Stephenson 16-2-68-1; Udal 22-10-42-0, James 18-5-

HAMPSHIRE: M.L. Hayden, S.J. Renshaw, K. D. James, J. S. Laney, R. A. Smith, W. S. kandali, "J.P. Stephenson, TA.N. Aymes, S.D. Udal, A.D. Mascarenhas, J. N. B. Boyfit, Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Hampshire 3 Umpies: K E Painter and G Sharp

Durham v Sussex CHESTER-LE-STREET (fast day of four, Sussex won loss) Sussex have scored 314 for seven wickets against Durham

SUSSEX: First Innings N J Lenham low b Brown
K Geerfield c and b Foster
N R Taylor a Speight b Walker
C W J Athey c Speight b Betts P.W. Jarvis not out Extras (to 14, w 18, no 2)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-96, 2-153, 3-177, 4-202, 5-250, 6-265, 7-281. BOWLING: Brown 29-5-82-2; Betts 15-0-51-1; Saggers 18-2-46-1; Walker 24-8-68-1. Foster 18-8-53-2

DURHAM JJB Lewis, MA Roseberry, JE Morris, N. J. Speak, \*D. C. Boon, fM P. Sperght, M. J. Foster, M. M. Berts, S. J. E. Brown, M. J. Saggers, A. Walker. Bonus, points, Durham 3 Sussex 3 Umpres: J. C. Baiderstone and D. J. Constant.

Kent v Warwickshire TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of lour: Warwickshire won loss), Kent, with all first-linnings wickets in hand, are 284 runs behind Warwickshire WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-77, 3-95, 4-182, 5-191, 6-245, 7-256, 8-266, 9-294.

BOWLING: McCague 5-0-20-0; Philips: 18-5-49-1; Thompson 22-24-89-5; Strang: 34-11-65-1; Fleming: 14-5-44-1; Liong 8-8-33-2.

BOWLING: Welch 4-0-16-0, Small 3-0-12-Bonus points: Kent 4 Warwickshire 3 Umpres: B Dudieston and R Julian.

Middlesex v Leicestershire LORD'S (first day of lour, Lelcastershife won loss): Lacestershie have scored 267 for seven wickets against Middlesex

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 

Total (7 wkts, 104 overs) .... M T Brimson to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-72, 3-153, 4-175, 5-194, 6-223, 7-255 MIDOLESEX: P N Weekes, J H Kallis, "M R Ramprakash, M W Gatung, J C Pooley, †K R Brown, S P Moffat, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, P C R Tutinett. Bonus points. Middlesex 3 Leicestershire

Umpires: V A Holder and A Clarkson Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTON (first day of lour, North-ampionshire won loss): Northampionshire have scored 226 for nine wickets against NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

BOMUNG Bowen 31-11-52-5. Pick 20-8-51-1; Tolley 27-9-45-2; Bales 8-2-29-0; Astle 13-7-19-1; Dowrnan 2-1-8-0; Alzaal 2-1-3-0; Archer 2-1-9-0 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: GEWelton, U Atzaal, GFArcher, MP Dowman, \*P Johnson, NJ Astle, CM Tolley, †W M Noon, RT Batles, MN Bowen, RA Pick. Bonus points. Northampionshire 1 Not-mohamshire 4

Umpires G I Burgess and J H Harns. Somerset v Lancashire TAUNTON (first day of lour, Lancashre won loss): Lancashre, with nine secondmnings wickels in hand, are 61 runs behind Somersel LANCASHIRE: First Innings

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
J E R Gallien c Burns b Shine
S P Titchard low b Shine
P C McKeown low b Shine
N H Fairbrother b Shine
G D Lloyd c Turner b van Troost
M Watenson c van Troost b Rose
D Austin c Parsons b Shine
P J Martin c Hollowey b Shine
P J Martin c Hollowey b Shine
G Chapple c Turner b Rose

Second innings JER Galfian retired hurt ..... SP Techard not out ...... PC McKeown b Rose .....

Total (1 wkt) ....... FALL OF WICKET: 1-38. BOWLING: van Troost 3-0-21-0; Shine 5-1-13-0. Mushtaq Ahmed 6-5-1-0; Rose 2-SOMERSET: First Innings
M N Lathwell c Gattlan b Martin
\*P D Bowler law b Chaople
P C L Hollowey law b Martin
R J Harden bow b Martin

Bonus points. Somerset 4 Lancashire 4 Umpires JD Bond and NT Plews. Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL (Inst day of tour, Essex won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 347 runs behind Essex. ESSEX: First Innings 

Total (100 overs) ..... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-51, 3-64, 4-103, 5-206, 6-218, 7-239, 8-295, 9-346, BOWLING: Tudor 21-3-77-2; Lewis 17-4-

57-1, Benjamin 16-4-52-3; Hollicake 18-5-53-1; Salisbury 22-5-78-2; kennis 1-0-4-0; Ratcliffe 5-2-14-1. SURREY: First Imnings

Bonus points Surrey 4 Essex 3 Umpres. A A Jones and D R Shephard. Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

HEADINGLEY (first day of four, Gloucastershire won loss): Yorkshire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs behind Gloucestershire GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First linnings H J Cuntiffe b Hamilton
M A Lynch o Lehmann b Hemilton
S Young low b Hariley
M W Alleyne c Blakey b Hariley
H C Rusself un out
T H C Hancock b Stemp
M C J Bail c Blakey b Wate
A M Smith b Silverwood

Total (57.5 overs) 205
FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-32, 3-110, 4136, 5-150, 6-152, 7-152, 8-166, 9-163, 9-163, 9-163, 9-163, 9-163, 9-163, 9-163, 9-164,

M D Motorn c Russell b Lewis ..... M P Vaughan retired hurt ..... D Byas c Hancock b Smith ....... D S Lemmann c Ball b Smith ...... Total (6 wids, 44 overs) .... C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-38, 3-38, 4-66, 5-111, 6-114.

BOWLING. Smith 14-6-31-3; Lewis 12-3-34-2; Young 9-3-31-0; Alleyne 5-2-11-1. Hancock 3-0-11-0, Bell 1-0-4-0 Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Gloucestershire

Umpres: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.





Flying Scotsman: Wainwright, the British Lions flanker, takes off on an aerial route to line for his third try against Mpumalanga

## Lions refuse to be intimidated and indulge in ten-try spree

British Isles XV .....64

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN WITBANK

THE British Isles, professional to the core, may regard their afternoon at the Johann van Riebeeck Stadium as a good day at the office. South Africans may take a different view, for victories over Mpumalanga at Witbank are dearly bought and a side that runs in ten tries against them deserves greater respect than the Lions were awarded when their tour began.

Even more significant, however, than the sustenance of their unbeaten record and one of the highest totals that the Lions have recorded in South Africa - though well short of the 97-0 win over South-West Districts in 1974 - was the improvement in acknowledged weak areas and the players in the face of violent play by the Mpumalanga forwards, notably Marius Bosman, the lock, who scarce-

Answers from page 47

by Guyot in 1805

MOZARAB

ition the fluid style of play that Ian McGeechan, their coach, has sought in two previous tours. They demonstrated a clear understanding of Mc-Geechan's sometimes complex patterns, the backs knowing that Neil Back and Rob Wainwright, the flankers, would be

Wainwright emerged with probably the lastest hat-trick of tries in Lions history, scoring them in eight minutes during a first-quarter eruption that ensured that Mpumalanga would have little chance of rallying. Back served notice that there remains a place in the forward exchanges for players of pace and skill,

This was a team effort by players who are determined to lose no ground in the race for an international place. Tom Smith, for example, has recovered from a stiff neck and showed why he is rated so scenti - his powerful surges in loose play and his perceptive handling could yet take him ahead of Graham Rownly deserved to stay on the field. tree as the loose-head prop

WORD-WATCHING

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(b) The larva of the nematode worm, Filaria oculi. infesting the

(a) In Spain under Moorish rule: One of those Christians who,

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comfortable Jenkins looked in his club position of stand-off half, which allowed Bateman

Smith and Paul Wallace benefited from the intensive scrum training that the Lions had put

At no stage did the Lions scrum buckle, as it did against Western Province on Saturday, and they were able to attack the opposition ball in a way that they have not previously done. All this at altitude, when their fitness was tested on the thin air of the veldt and proved satisfactory. Mike Catt, newly-arrived from the England tour of Argentina, could only watch and wonder.

Only twice did Mpurnalanga threaten in open play, once at the start, when van Zyl showed a startling turn of pace, and once near the end, when van der Berg charged through from van Zyl's break. They did well to capitalise

from, respectively, a lineout and a tapped penalty close to the Lions line, which gave the forceful Joubert his two tries. one in the first half and one in was mounting defence. It was noticeable, too, how

unselfish handling from which others profited. Only late in the day did this falter as individuals succumbed to the temptation of trying to add their name to the scoresheet, and a couple of tries went begging as a result.

verted by Jenkins, came from close range and owed much to the tenacity of Dawson. A platform of 21 points within 19 minutes lifted the confidence of the entire team and Dawson dummied his way over before Joubert gave Mpumalanga a flicker of hope. It was no more than that, however, and before the interval Underwood dashed on to Back's pass for the fifth try, which gave the Lions their 35-7 advantage.

Wainwright's three, all con-

Underwood opened the second half in similar vein and, though Joubert responded. Jenkins darted under the posts to presage the closing onslaught. Wood gave way to Regan, and Weir, the victim of kick by Bosman, was replaced by Shaw.

Beal, outstanding in attack if less certain in defence at full back, scored the eighth try, but

from Evans, after a passage of play that began with Rodber winning a lineout in his own half. The Lions sustained the move through six phases, forwards and backs chiming in before Jenkins finally floated a long pass to his Welsh colleague. Evans, exultant, capped the match with the try in stoppage time that carried the Lions past 60 and sounded

a warning to South Africa at

SCORERS: Alpumalanga: Tries: Jouberi (2). Cornegalons: van As (2). British tales XV: Tries: Wainwright (3). Evans (2). Underwood (3). Dawsom, Jerkins, Beal Conversions: Jenions (7). MRNMALANGA: E von Genicke: J. Visage, R Potigate; G Gendal, P Not, R van As, D van Zyl: H Swest, H Kemp, A Botha, F Rossouw, E van der Berg, M Bosmen, P Joubert, T Costhuizen (captain). Ooshuizen replaced by J Bouless (72min); Net replaced by A van Rhoogen (79). BRITISH ISLES XV: N Beal (Northermpton and England); I Evans (Llaneth and Wales), W Greenwood (Lecester), T Underwood (Nowcastle and England); T Underwood (Nowcastle and England); T Wallace (Salacans and Ireland), P Wallace (Salacans and Ireland), P Wallace (Salacans and Ireland), R Warmeright (Walsanatre/Army and Scotland), R Warmeright (Walsanatre/Army and Scotland), B Weir (Newcastle and Scotland), N Back (Locester and England), N Back (Locester a

Irish and Iroland), N Back (Locester and England), T Rother (Northempton/Army and England, captain). Wood replaced by M Rogan (Bristol and England, 53); Wer replaced by S Sherr (Bristol and England, 57); Wellace replaced by D Young (Cardifi and Wales, 75). Reference C Soamershero (W Province)

## Catt caught in the middle of RFU power struggle

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN MENDOZA

THE full extent of the argument between Jack Rowell, the England coach, and Fran Cotton, the manager of the British isles, and the pressure exerted on the England management to release Mike Catt for the Lions tour emerged yesterday. and officials here are convinced that it has its roots in the power struggle and in-fighting in the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

According to an RFU source, Rowell, on Sunday, was given an ultimatum by Conton that, unless he agreed to Catt's immediate availability, on the telephone, then Arwel Thomas, of Wales, would be called up as a replacement in South Africa for Paul Grayson.

"We could not have that on our conscience," the source said. " We knew we could not be the ones to deny Catt the chance to become a Lion. It was virtually blackmail. If Thomas had gone, and done well. Catt may never have had the chance again. Fran knew that as well and I am sure this was all to do with political point-scoring."

Cotton's insistence that Cart, the fulcrum of the England team, travel to South Africa last Monday rather than wait until after the second international against Argentina, on Saturday, caused resentment within the England management, who felt that the chances of a series victory were being unnecessarily

"We thought, as an Englishman, he [Cotton] might understand our predicament and how important Catt was to us," the source said. "We did not think it unreasonable if the Lions had waited until Sunday before inviting Mike to join them, but that was not an op-Meanwhile, as England re-

turned to Buenos Aires yesterday, where Jon Callard was waiting to link up with the party. Rowell's options for the international looked like being reduced by injuries to key players, which might, perversely, ease his selectorial dilemma about who to play at



Rowell: given ultimatum

stand-off half and full back on

Saturday. Jim Mallinder, Adedayo Adebayo and Kevin Yates are giving most cause for concern. Mallinder suffered a groin injury in the closing minutes of the match against Cuyo on Tuesday, while Adebayo was on crutches after damaging his right instep. Yates failed to complete a light training session on Monday and could not even be considered for the bench on Tuesday.

The team for the international has been picked subject to medical reports on the injured players, but no an-nouncement will be made until later today. Rowell has had to wrestle long and hard with the permutations and the need to have a reliable goalkicker in the team.

"Place kicking is an issue in English rugby." Rowell said. "You cannot go into an international match without a place-kicker and without cover. You have to take what you know; it isn't about today. it is about recent trends."

That would appear to indicate that Callard will play at full back in place of Mallinder, with King at stand-off and Mapletoft on the bench. If Adebayo is unfit, then Mallinder could play on the wing; if neither were able to play, then Daren O'Leary would step in.

## A disturbing lesson for all

East 7.30pm BBC2

Racism is not just the concern of those who suffer from it, so it is a pity that this programme will be going out with a "minority" tag on it. In the strand of documentaries devoted to the Asian population of documentaries devoted to the Asian population is this worrying story of two doctors and their attempts to prove that racism in the NHS is rife. Five years ago. Dr Sam Everington and Dr Aneez Esmail risked their careers by applying for jobs using different names (one Asian, one not), but with identical qualifications. They were discovered and threatened with police prosecution, but their research was published in the British Medical Journal. It proved that there was discrimination. Since then, the authorities claim that vast improvements have been made. The two doctors repeat ments have been made. The two doctors repeat their clandestine and controversial survey to test these claims. The results should be of interest to all.

#### Health Alert Channel 4, 8.00pm

It is had enough to have to go through "the change" when nature intended, but it is a shattering experience to go through it before. Spontaneous premature menopause is experienced by an estimated 250,000 women in Great Britain a year estimated 250,000 women in Great Britain a year and a significant number of them are under 20 years of age. Doing its bit to bring this fact to public attention is this edition of the medical programme, presented by Shahnaz Pakravan. The film-makers have commissioned the first British survey to find out more about the condition and the way that the doctors deal with it. The results are not encouraging. Apart from the usual unpleasant symptoms, the women have to deal with a largely ignorant medical profession, the knowledge of certain infertility and a real fear of the unknown long-term effects of hormone replacement therapy. long-term effects of hormone replacement therapy.

#### Crime Beat BBC1 8.00pm

Do we watch this crime prevention series just to brush up on personal security and applaud the efforts of the police to curb malieasance? Probably nor. We want to see the criminals get their comeuppance. We want thrills, spills and automobiles — and we get them all in this first

Presenter Martyn Lewis (BBCl, 8.00pm)

programme, which is dedicated to car crime. Helicopters, video cars and undercover cops are all Heltopiers, video cars and undercover tops are an employed in Bristol's Operation Impact, the first dedicated car-crime unit in the country. It has combined high-tech tracking of joyriders and education of schookchildren to reduce the incidence of car crime. Young people are told the reality behind joyriding and hear the testimony of the mother of a boy killed in a stolen car. The effect on the tracking the reality are toler to the reality and the reality and the reality and the reality are toler to the reality behind th the children is obvious, so it is a pity that the real targets are probably off stealing car stereos.

#### All at Sea

Test Match Special

Channel 4, 8.30pm Or carrying on cruising. Given the cock-ups, disasters and almighty mishaps that dog the maiden voyage of the Carnival Destiny, the world's largest passenger liner, a reference to the film comedy is not wide of the mark. After the place the other than the place the sticky departure last week, when the pleasure-seekers were assigned the wrong cabins, the cruise from hell continues. In the second part, the staff cope with the nightmare of feeding 3,500 starving Americans. The largest meal ever served afloat soon founders when the galley's computer system goes down, giving the passengers and staff alike a double dose of indigestion. Having survived that hiccup, the crew then have to face the equally embarrassing blunder of sailing into the Puerto Rican port of San Juan only to find that the ship is Frances Lass

#### RADIO CHOICE

On The Ropes Radio 4, 9\_30am

John Humphrys is regarded as radio's principal scourge of politicians through his work on the *Today* programme, but his true worth as a firstrate journalist is just as visible in longer interviews, as this series has been proving. It ends today with Humphrys talking to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. The focus is mostly on the first years of his incumbency, when his approach attracted heavy criticism in some quarters. This appears to have been as much a matter of style as substance, for the avuncular Carey was, and is, a sharp contrast to the more aesthetic Robert Runcie. This interview demonstrates to the contrast to the more aesthetic Robert Runcie. strates that Carey was more personally affected by the criticism than most people realised.

#### RADIO 1

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#### TALK RADIO

5.00cm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00cm Torrimy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00cm Ion Collins

I cannot resist mentioning the start of the Test series between England and Australia, if only to alert (or provoke) those vociferous Radio 4 listeners on long wave who will not or cannot return to FM for what one of their number tells me is "proper programming". The BBC has climbed every mountain in an attempt to feed an FM signal to marks of the country that stubbornly vesses FM parts of the country that stubbornly resist FM reception, with mixed results. Of course, there are also listeners to Test Match Special who cannot abide the five-minute interruption for the shipping forecast. I can only appeal for calm on both sides. The TMS team is led as usual by Jonathan Agnew and Henry Blofeld, or Aggers and Blowers as they are universally known. Peter Barnard

Radio 4 (LW only), 10.55am-close of play

#### WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Turning a Tune 9.30 Hot New Country 10.05 Business 10.15 A Private View 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 13.05 Discovery 12.30gan Born a Girl 12.45 F O.O.C. 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Turning 3.10 News 10.50 Business 5.45 Tune 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain 6.05 Business 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain 10.30 Meridian Books 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Vinlage Chart Show 1.30 Turing a Tune 1.45 Britain 2.30 The Works 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.05 Business 4.35 Sport 4.30 Focus on Faith 4.05 Rusiness 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe

#### CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hall of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto. Pais mmor Op 61) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Nevenight 7.30 Sonala. Schumann (Sonala No 1 in A minor, Op 105); 8.00 Evening Concert J.S. Bach (Concerto for 4 Herpstchords in A minor); Schubert (Piano Tino in E flat); Chopin (Piano Sonala No 3 in B minor) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r)

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#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.30em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Grahem Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyta (FMI) / Room Banks (AMI) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Pichard Porter

#### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore, includes Tchairovsky (String Quartet No 1 in D. Op 11); Respight (Fountains of Rome), Vaughen Williams (Cantata, in Windsor Forest); Lisci (Jeun d'Eau à la Villa d'Este, Années de Pélerinage)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Strauss, son (Waltz. Voices of Spring), Mozart (Prano Sonata in D); Strauss (Four Last Songs)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Pers Burton-Page, Includes Mozart (Oboe Concerto in C), Lisclair (Sonata in D, Op 3 No 6); Gordon Crossa (The New World); Wagner (Sectified Idvlf) 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 In Tune, Linda Ormiston presents a live

(Sonala in D, Op 3 No 6): Gordon Crossa (The New World): Wagner (Sephied Idyli)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Dvořák Abroad

1.00pm Verismo Voices. Gordon Stweart miroduces oxorpis from La Gloconda, Turandoi, Madame Butterli): Melistotale and L'Ariesana (3/4)

2.00 To Johannes Brahms, Includes Hermann Goetz (Piano Quartet in E. Op 6); Brahms (Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 25)

3.25 The BBC Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jerzy Maksymuk Vauchan Wilsams (Fontacia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis): Thomas Wilson (Symphony No 4)

4.15 Ensemble, Penny Gore miroduces a recital by the Marais Ensemble with narrator Simon James (r)

7.30 Ravel: through the Looking Glass. Live from the Barbican Centre, London. The London the Barbican Centre, London. The London Symphony Orchestra, conductor André Previn, New London Children's Chok, London Symphony Chorus. Valses nobles et sentimentales; La valse 8.00 La Belvedere. Panny Gore and Roger Nichols visit Raivel's house at Montfort l'Amaury 8.20 Concert, part two L'Enfant et les Sortilèges. With Pamela Helen Stephen, mezzo, Anne-Marie Owens, contrallo, Elizabeth Futral, soprano, Juardis Lascarro, soprano, Robert Lloyd, bass and Dawid Wilson-Johnson, baritone 9.20 A Wet Handle. The tourth of live selections of sonos, stories and poems by lyor Cutter.

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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Bheling 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite and his trapp of practicators

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10.00 News; Travels with My Aunt, by Graham Greene, dramatised by René Basilico (2/5)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Daily (LW)
10.30 Woman' Hour (FM), with Jenni Murray
10.55-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW), See Choice
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM)
12.25pm Sightly Forced (FM), with Mark Whittaker
1.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Nick Clarke
1.40 The World at One (FM), with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) 1.55 Shapping Forecast
1.40-6.30 Test Match Special (LW)
2.00 News; (FM) Thursday Afternoon Play: Riding with Buttato Bill, by Tim Rhys (r)
3.00 News; (FM) Thursday Afternoon Play: Riding with Buttato Bill, by Tim Rhys (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan. Includes a starting discovery in a squat
4.00 News (FM) 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Paul Allen sees Jeny Lewis make his West End debut
4.45 Short Story: Between the Worlds, by Nawal Gadala Read by Robert Harper

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Sh; O'Clock News.
6.30 The House of The Spirit Levels. The concluding episods of Nick Reveil's comic saga (6/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Dancing in Dead Men's Shoes. Simon Dring meets President Eduard Shevardhadze of Georgia 8,00 Analysis. Professor Peter Clarke examines the Conservatives' defeat

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8.45 Another String. Sir Ernest Wise talks about his other life as a plantst and composer (2/6)
9.00 Does He Talke Sugar? with Frederick Dove
9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bettlime: Ernest and Gwendolyn (An Old Fashloned Love Story). The first of two storys by Jonathan Treatel (r)
11.00 Fun-Filled Days of Harriet Knight. A new lour-part cornedy cares by Carol Noble
11.30 Offspring. Another whemsical look at family ide with John Peel (r)
11.00 Today in Partiament (LW)
12.00 News (FM) and 12.30am The Late Book: The Information, by Martin Arriis (4/15) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1069. Television and radio listings compiled by Peier Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



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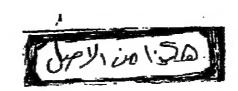
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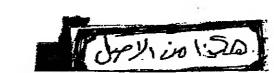
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# Be more logical about your irrational fears

Tust because you have been scared senseless by reports of a new bug that eats away at the inside of your eyeballs, until audenly one day you're looking at Michael Jackson and he actually looks black, don't automatically assume that the next health scare will be just as spooky. Chances are

it will be much spookier.

That seemed to be the gist of Anxiety Attack (BBC2), a peek through parted fingers at the psychology of health scares. The message was that you needn't worry so much about meningitis, or flesh-eating bugs, or contaminated baby milk. These things may be scary, but they kill fewer people than, say, heart disease or car accidents. So, hey, if you want to panic, panic about them instead. But people do panic. The Ley-lands found out just how much

when their daughter. Michaela,

contracted meningitis on holiday in Majorca. Anxious fellow pas-

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5997056)

10.25 Who'll Do the Pudding? Top chets create delicious dishes (3694768)

10,45 News, Regional News (T) and Weather

10.50 Cricket: First Test: England v
Australia Live coverage of the first
morning's play from Edgbaston, in the
first of six Tests for the Ashes. Continues

1.30 Regional News (T) and weather (15018105)

1.40 Cricket: First Test Coverage of the

4.00 Postman Pat (5754698) 4.15 Plasmo

5.10 The Biz The children who attend the

5.35 Neighbours Madge and Harold's

6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (766)

7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck With reports

7.30 EastEnders Grant is furious when he learns about Peggy and Tiffany's plans; Mark asks Ruth's help in reopening the case against Arthur (T) (230)

8.00 Crime Beat Martyn Lewis joins the police as they try to stop joyriders (T) (9698)

8.30 Keeping Mum Comedy series about a confused mother who is cared for by her

9,00 Nine O'Clock News (T) Followed by

Regional News and Weather (4747)

creations of heroic rescues. This we

10.20 The Lying Game Angus Deayton asks whether it is ever morally justifiable to

10.55 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby from London (T) (7344563)

12.00 Cutter's Way (1981) with Jeff Bridges,

a 120ft cliff (T) (695259)

Ivan Passer (954983)

1.45am-1.50 Weather (6030780)

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withhold or manipulate the truth (T)

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he believes is a murderer. Directed by

son in her dotage. When Peggy starts

her off to a nursing home. Lest in the series with Stephanie Cole (T) (8105)

from John Nicolson, Angels Rippon and

reunion hits a snag (720259)

Toyah Wilkox (T) (3650)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (T) (178)

Markov School go on location making a tilm when they meet Huw, a man with an

afternoon session from Birmingham Continues on BBC2 (53633785)

(6560292) **4.20** Julia Jekyli and Harriet

6.00am Business Breakfast (73785)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (78143)

9.20 Style Challenge (3809940)

9.45 Kilroy (T) (9346747)

on BBC2 (93582105)

12.35pm Neighbours (T) (4954834)

Hyde (r) (T) (5734834)

5.00 Newsround (T) (8961327)

ego (r) (T) (7611230)

4.35 Return to Jupiter (T) (6249414)

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (71230)

the plane home. Medical certificates giving the all-clear from Spanish doctors swayed nobody. They more or less said, If they get on, then we're getting off, said

Michaela's father, Les. Berween 150 and 200 people a year die of meningitis, "which is a fraction of the number of deaths from other diseases, such as heart disease," says Dr Norman Begg of the Public Health Laboratory Service. In other words, parents' worries are out of all proportion to the real risks. So who is to blame? Newspapers? Telly? Only up to a point. Terence Lee, psychology professor at St Andrews, reckons the media do not create anxiety, but whenever they see anxietyprovoking situations or anxious people, they're able to formulate that and feed it back to the general public, usually in an amplified form." Any other suspects? Us: too gullible for our own good.

seem to acknowledge is that we are happy with risks if we feel that we can calculate them: crossing a busy road involves a web of calculations about how fast we can walk, how fast the traffic is moving, how late we are for an appointment, our own recklessness, our assessment of the driving ability of the man in the red Volvo, and we cross the road. Of course, we still get run over, but we die feeling that the odds were on our side. Catching meningitis may be as unlikely as guessing a strang-er's phone number, but that's what makes it so spooky. We don't know

ow should the media act. then? The paradox at the L heart of this documentary is that if a disease is rare, then it is eerily newsworthy. On the other hand, if it afflicts millions, then it is too commonplace to be recorded.

how to duck to avoid it.

**REVIEW** 



Joe Joseph

We might think the media irresponsible for making a crisis out of whether mobile phones cause brain tumours. But we'd think it barking if it made a song and dance about the death of Mrs Enid Thingummy from an everyday heart attack. People would read their newspapers and say, so what? (Nothing personal Enid).

You got the feeling that what the presenter Jolyon Jenkins would

like to do is finger the rest of the media for scare-mongering: probably rightly, too. But he pulled up short. Why? Maybe BBC2 queered his pitch on Tuesday with a programme called Home Ground. It was about meningitis. And its title? Every Parent's Nightmare.

Some people consider Peter Mandelson a health scare, so we were looking forward to seeing him dissected by clinical psycholo-gist Oliver James in **The Chair** (BBC2). This programme, which immediately preceded Anxiety Attack, did its very own amplifying and distortion. Although it gave the impression that we were eavesdropping on Labour's just appointed Minister Without Portfolio, the interview was filmed

more than a year ago.

The makers, a few weeks ago, also released a sensationalist still of a tearful Mandelson - recalling his late father — as a teaser. The interview turned out to contain fewer thrills than a children's Lucky Bag on Blackpool pier. Even though James prides himself on asking nosey questions about sex. there weren't any. Why hire a psychologist to produce such a bland interview? Jeremy Paxman could have squeezed out more.

n the final half of Reputations (BBC2). Bertrand Russell turned out to be a bit like meningitis: he may have infected few people over the years, but when he did, the effects were usually devastating, often fatal. Wife after wife, child after child,

were mentally bullied, or merely abandoned. He was a prophet and sage in public, but trouble once the front door was closed. I'm so tired," said his granddaughter, Felicity, "of people telling me what a wonderful man Russell was, what a great humanitarian he was, when he didn't, so to speak, body who I knew as family wound up as either crazy or dead." When you've just referred to your own grandpa as "Russell", you don't need to say very much more.

But she did: she said she felt sure that Russell - after moving in to the Richmond home of Felicity's father, John Russell, and John's American wife, Susan Lindsay had an affair with Susan. It was 1950. Bertrand was 78 and alone. I'm sure my father was aware that his father was having an affair with my mother. For all 1 know, they may even have said something to him. They were cruel enough to not even hide it." In 1955

John was declared insane. Reputations dug up haunting archive footage. But you could tell that none of it was as haunting as the memories scrolling before Felicity's eyes as she recalled Russell's mischief. They would have been 100 scary to show on TV.

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the Shots? (7598230)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (1207211) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (6122105) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (2314766) 8.20 Fireman Sam (r)

8.35 The Record (2964582)

9.00 Lifeschool Extra: Careers (3894018) 9.25 The Geography Programme (5974105) 9.45 Watch Out (4479834) (89/4105) 9.45 Watch Out (44/303) 10.00 Telelubbies (30495) 10.30 Storytime (4346833) 10.45 The Experimenter (9230389) 11.05 Space Ark (2435882) 11.15 Zig Zag, Danger Detectors (5577853) 11.35 Landmarks, Dated Serve 1930 (4746308) 12.00 Britain Since 1930 (4746308) 12.00 Teaching Today (1612360)

12.35pm Cricket: First Test — England v Australia (4952476)

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2.10 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (3088230) 3.00 News (T) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (4004476) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Cricket: First Test - England v

Australia (76211211) 6.25 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (700292) 7.10 The Ren & Stimpy Show (190940)



Drs Everington and Esmail (7.30pm)

7.30 East: An U Practice? (I) (872) 8.00 Out and About (5740) WALES: Books in

8.30 Tracks The countryside guide checks out the lifestyle of the woodlouse; and an introduction to municycling — mountain biking without handlebars (T) (6747)

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous Eddie takes time out from being PR guru to the country's biggest stars to become involved with Patsy's fashion magazine (r) (T) (2389)

9.30 This Life An attractive visitor arouses Ferdy's interest white Milly demands O'Donneti reveal all about his and Rachel's recent trip to Paris (T) (938476) 10.15 A Woman Called Smith Commonwealth and Olympic medallist Phylis Smith discusses her faith (T) (322853)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (677281) 11.15 Cricket: First Test Highlights (124114)

11.58 Holiday Weather (809360) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (14896)

12.30am Learning Zone: O.U.: Water Is for Fighting Over (1) (91457) 1.00 A Portable Computer Industry (7) (65693) 1.30 The Industry of Culture (1) (15970) 2.00 Health and Social Care (58051) 4.00 Languages Plate (34631) 5.00 The Small ENV C 6.00am GMTV (9709143) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3824259)

9.55 Regional News (T) (4501292) 10.00 The Time, the Place (27921) 10.30 This Morning (65955872) 12.20am Regional News (T) (1987698)

12.30 News (T) and weather (4980259) 12.55 Shortland Street (4958650) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (90151921) 1.50

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(9267389) 4.40 Sweat (T) (6575124) 5.10 A Country Practice (8858124) 5.40 News (T) and weather (956747)

6.00 Home and Away (707834) 6.25 HTV Weather (609853) 6.30 The West Tonight (414)

tresh agony for Kathy An angry Biff confronts Kim in the stables (T) (5018) 7.30 3-D A three-year-old Down's syndrome girl is being given cosmetic surgery to change her appearance Plus, reports on outraged holidaymakers who took decisive action when air and rail companies tailed to give them satisfactory service (T) (698)

7.00 Emmerdale Nick's court case causes



Mark Wingett as Jim Carver (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: The Wrath of God A preacher dealing in dodgy miracles catches the attention of Skase and Carver (T) (4766) 8.30 My Wonderful Life Donna is tempted to accept the offer of a new life and career in Portugal (T) (6501)

9.00 Bodyguards: The Killing Ground Shaw and Worrell are assigned to protect an author who has been sentenced to death Sean Periwee, John Shrapnel and Raad Raw. Last in series (T) (9785)

10.00 News (T) and weather (90292) 10.30 Regional News (T) (442679)

10.40 The West This Week with Richard Lyddon and Alison Delaney (888292) 11.30 Frieze Frame The role of the horse in

Westcountry life (383747) 11.45 Highlander (984360) 12.35am in Bed with MeDinner (7801167)

1.10 Funny Business (1068525) 1.40 Cyber Cafe (1614341) 2.10 Late and Loud (6824780) 3.10 3-D (37953709)

3.40 The Good Sex Guide Late (9735544) 4.35 The Time, the Place (81255964) 5.00 Garden Calendar (59544)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4958650) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8858124)

6.25 Central News (715853) 10.40 Pulling Power (953834) 11.10 Crime Stalker (588940)

12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8116490) 12.40 Funny Business (4398506)

1.10 Ed's Night Party (1068525) 1.40 Club Nation (2520254) 2.40 The Loop (2858457)

3.05 Late and Loud (1947761) 4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (3978032) 5.20 Asian Eye (4654693)

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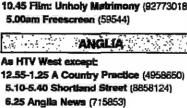
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11.40 Hunter (743940)

10.40 The Road Show (953834) 11.10 Go Fishing (890292)

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4.00 Fifteen-to-One (327) 4.30 Absolutely Animals (211) 5.00 5 Pump (6124) 5,30 Countdown (563)

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7.00 Pobol y Cwm (811921) 7.25 Sgrin Ti Synlad? (193308) 8.00 Pobl y Chyff (2308)

8.30 Newyddion (4143) 9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (7150) 11.00 The Entertainers (5230) 11.30 NBA Finals (87037) 12.30am Dispatches (4381877)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

3.55 Schools (r) (T) (814254) 5.30 - 6.00 Beckdate (96903)

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9.30 Schools: Equinox Plus (4535563) 10.25 Geographical Eye (7199178) 10.45 The English Programme (5083037) 11.30 The English Programme (1650)

12.00 House to House Political magazine (97105) 12.30pm Light Lunch (34853) 1.30 The Hoarder Cut-out animation

1.40 Front Page Story (1953, b/w) starring Jack Hawkins and Elizabeth Allen. A drama about a day in the life of a Fleet Street newspaper with the Editor grapping with scoops and trying to save his marriage Directed by Gordon Parry (T) (45727921)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (7) (292) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (327) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6233853) 4.55 Ricki Lake: People Who Feel Betrayed by Friends (T) (5418921) 5.30 Animal Passions (T) (563)

6.00 Springhill Liz is forced to admit to the tamily that Trish, Sue and Nick are all adopted (1) (476) 6.30 Hollycaks Lucy thes to warn Suzi, and

Maddy gets a package (T) (376) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (585230)



Menopause victim Emma (8.00pm)

Health Alert Shahnaz Pak-rayan reports on teanagers having an early menopause (T) (2308)

8.30 All at Sea (2/4) More from the maiden voyage of the cruise liner Carnwal Destiny. The 120 chefs prepare the largest catering job ever carried out at sea (T) (4143)

9.00 Dispatches reveals more theories surrounding the shooting of WPC Yvonne

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England captain determined to prevent Australia gaining early advantage at Edgbaston

# Atherton demands prompt service

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EVEN on his darkest days. and there have been a few of those, Michael Atherton's desire to remain as England captain has been sustained by one profound wish. He yearns to beat Australia. Now, on the ground where it all began and the day he equals Peter May's record for longevity in this most demanding job, he has a distant but distinct sight of

To speak of England re-gaining the Ashes is, of course, bold and speculative. How could it be otherwise when the last four grief-stricken Test series against Australia have produced an aggregate score of two England wins against 14 for the opposition?

There have been times when the teams have seemed so far apart that they might come from different planets, when the contrast in their approach, management and support structure — never mind ability - has been so stark as to make a patriotic Englishman weep. Yet suddenly there is a sense of change, sharp enough to make the notion of England winning less of a hopeless fancy than usual.

Mark Taylor. Australia's embattled captain, has had his own preoccupations of late. but it has not prevented him from noticing the trend. "England have got a good spirit going." he said yesterday. "They seem to be more buoyant and I reckon they are going to give us a tough fight."

sounds this morning at Edebaston and proceedings will be watched by the first of three successive full houses, an attendance statistic never previously achieved on this

Australia remain the bookmakers' favourites to win the match and the Cornhill series, but the odds against England retaking the Ashes have shrunk from 8-1 to 11-4 on a rare wave of public belief.

#### DETAILS-

By next Monday, the prospect will either have crystalised enticingly or condensed to the unpalatable dregs of yesterday's dreams. The first Test of a series is always influential but, in this case, there are many good reasons for believing it will be

If England should lose over the next five days in Birmingham, surrendering whatever psychological gains

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they have made in the past fortnight, it will be hard to see them coming back. They must not, dare not, lose and Atherton, beginning his 41st match in charge on the ground where he assumed the captaincy, from Graham Gooch,

four years ago, knows it. He needs no reminding that his team has acquired the feckless habit of beginning Test series as if infected with a death wish. All too often, damage done on the initial days of a series has undermined hope and confidence, resulting in what is at best a mission of redemption and at worst a lost cause.

"We are stressing the need to start well," Atherton said yesterday. "From the first session, really from the first ball, we're looking to grab the initiative." To grab it, moreover, from a team that has developed a very different habit - one of swamping opponents at the outset of a series so that their propensity for appearing fallible in later games comes across as nothing more than an act of mercy.

They have done this against Pakistan. West Indies and South Africa in the past 18 months, building a healthy reputation as a team that wins a lot, loses a little and never draws a game. Although nothing official grants them the title of world leaders, it is difficult to dispute their entitlement.

All this needs reiterating, not to damp down the expectation, but to emphasise the task confronting England. The soap opera of Taylor's lack of form may well have had an insidious effect on team morale, but it has also dominated to such a degree that it has been easy to forget there are ten other Australians the can play a bit, in the Waugh brothers, they have two of the best half-dozen batsmen in the world. In Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath, they have a leg spinner and a seamer as good as any.

Australia settled on their final XI 24 hours ahead of the game, confirming that Greg Blewett will bat at No 3 and that Michael Kasprowicz will play as a third seam bowler, a

change in their favoured bal-ance that acknowledges the conditions they expect to face. England still have a delicate

decision, or two to make today. First, Atherton — it will largely be down to him must make a choice between Adam Hollioake and Mark Ealham for the final place. Ealham's superior bowling makes him the pragmatic

Then, if he should win the toss, Atherton must balance the advantages of bowling first, on a green-tinged pitch and in the forecast humidity, against the perils of batting last on a surface notorious for its uneven bounce.

Clumps of tufty grass decorated the pitch yesterday, along with a mosaic of thin cracks. The England management sounded content and were certainly in no hurry for Steve Rouse, the groundsman, to get his mower out. Warwickshire, naturally, crave a five-day game but England simply want conditions that might discomfit the Australians; compromise may be reached via the medium of a disagreeable weather forecast.

"I don't think anyone really knows what this pitch will do," Atherton said. It is not a massively important toss but I know what I want to do if I win it." Presumably, barring doud cover, he would bat first, though his ambivalence over the toss suggests he would be equally happy to leave the dilemma to Taylor.

Atherton was bullish yesterday. "I want this series pretty badly," he said, "and I am confident we can win. But if you don't think that when you start a series, there is no point in turning up." This morning, however, Atherton will be one of many thousand who turn a rare d conviction that this could be the year to end a decade of subservience.

Combill Insurance, which has sponsored England Test series since 1978, yesterday announced a further three year investment worth E9 million.

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Devon Malcolm, recalled to Test duty by the new England management, warms up in the nets at Edgbaston yesterday

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THE possible loss of Doddie Weir, the Souland lock, rereversed a penalty in favour of moved the gilt from the best the Lions, but that was not the performance of the British only incident in which Bosman was involved.

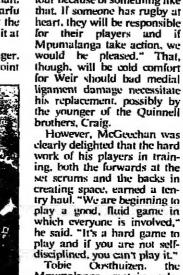
Isles rugby union tour of South Africa yesterday. They He and Elandre van der defeated Mpumalanga, for-Berg, his fellow lock, had no qualms in stamping on Rob merly South-Eastern Transvaal and playing for the first time under their new Zulu Wainwright's face at a ruck halfway through the first half. name, by 64-14 but a boot took after the Scotland flanker had Weir to hospital with damgiven the Lions the best of starts by scoring three tries within eight minutes. But aged knee ligaments and only today will the tour management know whether he can Bosman could also be seen punching at mauls and if the The Lions would have cited Lions could not cite him after

Marius Bosman, the Mpumathe Weir incident, they might langa lock, for foul play had have done so for others. not International Rugby Foot-Gert Grobler, the Mpumalanga manager, claimed that ball Board regulations prevented them from doing so on any incidents were "unintentional" but agreed that he would take disciplinary action the grounds that the referee. Carl Spannenberg, dealt with the incident during the game. if video study appeared to

He spoke to Bosman and merit it. The Lions management, however, were furning and will have lost no time in acquainting Rian Oberholzer. chief executive of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), who attended the match, with their views.

The tour agreement does not provide for a match commissioner, in the way that operates during the Super 12 tournament and the trinations series in the southern hemisphere, and perhaps it is time that it should. "Duddie was injured by a foot coming across his knee on the side of a ruck-maul," Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, said. "Sarfu know we are upset about the incident and we will leave it at that for now."

Fran Cotton, the manager, added: "We all share a joint



responsibility. If we feel an acr

of foul play has taken place

which deserves further pun-ishment, we all share respon-

sibility in making sure the player is disciplined." But the

Lions were delighted at the

level of discipline showed by

their players, none of whom

offered retaliation despite the

sometimes-blatant attempts to

as that wasn't in context with

the game as a whole."

McCeechan said. "It would

disappoint us greatly if

Doddie doesn't have a Lions

tour because of something like

"Something as cold-blooded

unsettle them.

Mpumalanga captain, who had been less than impressed with the Lions' opening matches, added soberly: Looking at our Springbok side, there are some warning lights flickering for them."

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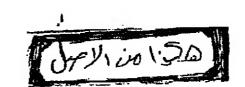
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